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Threat from Kashmir terrorists

Security stepped up at KRS

Mysuru, Mandya, Jan. 27 (Nagaiah,RK&BCT)- The Mysuru and Mandya Police have stepped up vigil at all tourist destinations following intelligence reports of a possible terror attack by militants who have come from Kashmir.

"We have stepped up vigil at Krishna Raja Sagar (KRS) Dam and vital tourist destinations in Mandya," said Mandya Superintendent of Police G. Radhika. Mysuru City Police Commissioner Dr. A. Subrahmanyeswara Rao said that though the city Police have not received specific instructions from the State Police Headquarters in Bengaluru, they are on high alert. "We are even ready to provide additional forces in case of emergencies," he told *Star of Mysore*.

According to intelligence reports and inputs from the Centre, a group of terrorists have come from Kashmir to disrupt peace in Karnataka, especially in Bengaluru and Mysuru. Following the inputs, Additional Director General of Police (ADGP Law and Order) Kamal Pant has faxed an advisory to all Police units in districts asking the personnel to be on high alert.

A file photo of Police guarding Krishna Raja Sagar Dam in Mandya.

The alert notice has been sent to all Commissionerates, Superintendents of Police and Railway Police Headquarters. As per the contents in the notice, the Police must step up vigil and round off any suspicious elements moving around tourist destinations.

The Police have been asked to keep a close watch on public places, malls, hotels, guest houses, temples, Railway Stations and Airports.

Mandya SP Radhika told *SOM* that they have taken the intelligence inputs seriously and have increased surveillance at KRS. "We have over 150 Central Industrial Security Force personnel who guard the KRS. This apart, we have a Special Sabotage Check Team that will visit sensitive places. Usually, the team inspects KRS once a week. But now, we have increased the frequency on a day-to-day basis," she said.

Apart from Special Sabotage Check Team, the Police will deploy dog squad and bomb squad and night patrolling will be increased, she said and added that a 20-member mobile inspection team has been constituted to frequently inspect tourist destinations.

Subrahmanyeswara Rao said special attention will be given to tourist destinations like Mysore Palace, Chamundi Temple, Jaganmohan Palace and other monuments.

"We now have an exclusive Special Commando Force *(see report on page 18)* that will exclusively deal with terror strikes. We are also ready to mobilise forces in case of emergencies," he added.

IPL AUCTION

All-rounder Ben Stokes sold to Rajasthan Royals for a whopping Rs. 12.50 crore; Chris Gayle of RCB remains unsold.
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Mysuru, Saturday 27th January 2018

Isolated, but not lonely

At least two laws of *life* and *death* cannot be questioned. One is that human beings come to this world alone (barring cases of twins or more delivered at the same time) and depart alone (barring the now-banned *sati*). The second law is that death is unavoidable, being a certainty. The journey from the cradle to the grave as it were for every human, short in some cases and lengthy in the rest, is marked by joyful times as well as sad moments, healthy years as well as times of getting battered by various diseases, periods of excitement and moments of depression, days of affluence and those of cash-crunch, riding on hopes and beaten by disappointment, enthusiasm in some moments as well as disinterest at other times and so on. These features of life owe a great deal to many factors listing which is beyond the scope of this column, except to pinpoint the hard-to-accept factor captured in the idiom *as you sow, so you reap.*

We owe it to the wise fraternity in society for spelling out proverbs and idioms that carry clinching messages that not only portray the many side to human character but also remind us about common human frailties. The idiom *Two is company, three is crowd* puts paid to the commonly stated gregarious nature of human beings. In the life of those who outlive their spouse, the prospect of living *alone* looms large. Given reasonably good health, not to be active either physically or mentally or socially results in *loneliness* and even depression.

The saying that sharing life's experiences of sadness with others reduces the load on one's mind by *half* while sharing experiences of joy *doubles* the enlivening spirit. Centuries of traditions marked by various festivals of the land and customs of its people bringing together the diverse sections of society have been the hallmark of India's culture still intact in rural parts but fading in urban spaces. The most *visible* difference between the urbanites and the rustics is the lack of amity between neighbours in the bustling cities of the country, a familiar scenario in the western countries. The colonial rule of India by the British is often discredited for the divide-n-rule style of governing the land and its people, stoking mutual hatred among the people following different faiths and identified under various ethnicity, resulting in feeling of isolation amidst the masses.

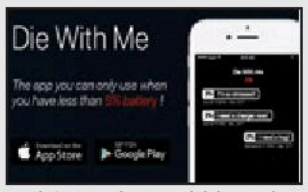
Now, it is the same Britain where the administration has launched an initiative to tackle *isolation* and *loneliness*, said to be bugging an estimated *nine million* people in that country. According to a report published by a widely read daily last week, the British government has appointed its first ever Minister for Loneliness to help address the need of the target sections in the population, particularly the elderly.

EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE

Our daughter's plan to stay with us for a month along with her 3-year-old sent all three elderly inmates at home — my wife, my father and me — to action mode. The fledgling, overactive boy was replete with highly explorative spirits. Except while in sleep, his nimble fingers reflexively experimented with anything accessible in the kitchen, wardrobe, fridge, backyard or bathroom— wherever his vision could reach. In the process of minimising risk to the exuberant child from electrical points, loose medicine vials, sharp utensils and potentially hazardous materials, a great thing happened: unwanted clothes, papers and sundry non-descript articles were weeded out. The child's visit meant sunshine, intermittently necessary for eliminating the possibility of a home turning rather drab and desolate. As the D-Day arrived, the air was full of happiness. Running water was particularly dear to him. Our eyes were mostly glued to his activities yet he could find slots when others' eyes were elsewhere. Then he would sneakily hurry towards the wash basin, open the tap full, wash his hands and return innocently, leaving the water running. The act satisfied his urge to accomplish a big task. — *Harish Barthwal in The New Indian Express.*

NEWS SPARKLERS

'Die With Me'



Belgium: The world has plenty of choices when it comes to messaging apps that connect friends and strangers on the internet. The market is so crowded this days that for a new competitor to even get noticed, they'd have to come up with something completely new. Enter "Die With Me," a fresh chat app that can only be used when your smartphone has 5% or less battery remaining.

Die With Me allows total strangers with low battery to log into an online chatroom and converse as they wait for their handhelds to shut off completely. Using Die With Me requires nothing more than choosing a username and allowing the app to read your battery status. "We wanted to do something positive with a low battery," app's co-developed Dries Depoorter said. "Now we see people happy with, having low-battery conversations." The beta version of the app was showcased by developers David Surprenant from Canada and Dries Depoorter from Belgium at the International Documentary Film Festival Amsterdam last year. Their idea was well-received at the time, but the duo then spent a lot of time making Die With Me available on the Apple store.

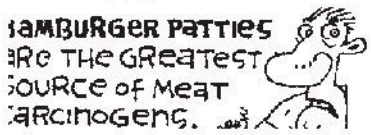
'Compassionate Policeman'

Beijing: Five years ago, a compassionate Shanghai Policeman took on the role of son to help comfort an elderly couple he had never met before. In 2003, Liang Qiaoying and her son, Liang Yu, from North China's Shanxi province, were exposed to poison gas, during a freak accident. The woman survived, but her young son did not. Liang, was left paralyzed and mentally impaired following the accident, and her husband, Xia Zhanhai, could not bear to tell her the truth about their son. Instead, he kept saying that he had gone to work in another city.

In 2010, while watching a television show about Police work in Shanghai, Xia Zhanhai was stunned to see an officer that looked just like his deceased son. He immediately knew that the young man was the answer to making his wife smile again. With the help of Shanghai Police, finally able to locate the officer, named Jiang Jingwei. When Jiang heard Xia's tragic story, he agreed to meet the family on the TV show. Jiang was touched by their story and willing to pretend he was Liang Yu. The televised "reunion" happened five years ago, but the relationship between the couple and Jiang has endured.

HEALTH CAPSULE by Bron Smith

What can I do about the cancer-causing compounds on my grilled meat?



Apply rosemary to the meat. Rosemary works to breakup the carcinogenic compounds that are created on meat that is grilled at high temperatures. Choose the extract form of rosemary, as opposed to the powder form. It doesn't leave a strong rosemary taste.

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Winners of Azeez Sait Memorial Quiz competition

Mysuru, Jan. 27 (KS) -The following are the winners of the 16th Azeez Sait Memorial Quiz competition organised jointly by Farooqia High School Old Boys Association and Farooqia PU College Alumni Association at Sir Syed Hall of Farooqia College here recently.

Out of 224 students from 8th std to II PUC from various high schools and PU Colleges, 50 students got qualified for the oral quiz.

Prof. M. Sayeed Ahmed, Dr. Syed Abdul Khuddus, Abdul Jabbar, S. Ateeq Ahmed, Khalida Nusrath, R.H Basha, Sadiya Ghazla, Mohammed Baseerulla, Shavana Shabreen, Tabassum, Syeda Fathima Azra and Farha Zoya were the quiz masters for various classes and different rounds in this mega event.

The winners are: 8th Std: Hajira Banu of Farooqia School - 1st prize, Najmus Saher of Farooqia School - 2nd prize and Afsa Mehwish of Farooqia School - 3rd prize.

9th Std: Aaliya Siddiqua of Farooqia School - 1st prize, Sakeena Banu of Al-Karim School - 2nd prize and Simran Banu of Al-Karim School - 3rd prize.

10th Std: Md. Mustafa of RGA - 1st prize, Maseerah Fathima of Farooqia Girls School - 2nd and R. Rida Anjum of St. Marina - 3rd prize.

I PUC: Aman Afsal of Huda - 1st prize, Faizanuddin of Huda - 2nd and Md. Zaid also of Huda bagged the 3rd prize.

II PUC: Md. Farhan Ansari of St. Philomena's College - 1st prize, Md. Fawaz of Farooqia college - 2nd and Md. Saquib of St. Philomena's college- 3rd prize.

Really...?

- ***The first electric car was invented during the late 19th century, and it went 65 mph.***
- ***Plants can "hear" flowing water. Their roots seek buried pipes and even grow towards artificially produced water sounds.***
- ***Clownfish are sequential hermaphrodites, meaning that if a female is removed from a group, the dominant male becomes female.***

LAUGHTER THE BEST MEDICINE

After Sunday school, the teacher released the kids to go to church and reminded them, *"You all know to be very nice and quiet in the church. And why is that?"*
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VOICE OF THE READER

Kaveri Express: Suggestions

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I have noticed that from the past few months this train is starting from 6th Platform rather than the 1st Platform, which is causing lot of inconvenience to the commuters.

1. Senior citizens have to walk all the way from 1st to 6th Platform.

2. Ticket counter at back gate has only 1 window and we have to wait in long queues.

3. Water bottles are sold at premium price of Rs. 20 - Rs.30 (No Aquaguard water facility).

4. Dinner takeaway options are limited to two (Rice Bath/Idli) and sold at a premium price.

5. Toilets on the Platform are not clean and functional, e-Toilets are very busy (specially on Sundays)

6. No Coffee/Tea/Nandini Counters.

7. Power on train's coach is switched on 15 minutes before train departs.

I request the Railway authorities concerned to do the needful at the earliest and help the travellers.

— **Mohammed Saad Manna**
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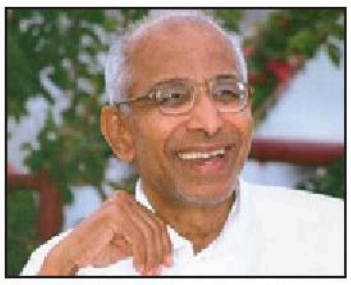
Siddeshwara Swamiji declines *Padma Shri*



Siddeshwara Swamiji

Vijayapura, Jan. 27- Sri Siddeshwara Swamiji of Jnana Yogashrama in Vijayapura, who was chosen for the prestigious *Padma Shri* Award, has decided to "respectfully refuse it."

In a letter addressed to Prime Minister Narendra Modi, the Seer, while expressing his gratitude for selecting him for the award has said he is a spiritual being and does not need an award. "This honour should be conferred on people who have great accomplishments to their credit in various fields. Hence, I am returning this award with respect. Don't think otherwise," says the letter signed by the Seer.

In reply to a question whether his followers would want him to be honoured, he said, "But I am not interested. I have not accepted any awards in the past. Dharwad University (Karnatak University) had given me Honorary Doctorate some years back. I respectfully returned it."

It is said that the Swamiji was not satisfied with the letter his associates drafted to Prime Minister Modi and hence he himself wrote the letter with his own hand thanking the Prime Minister and the Union Government for choosing him for the honour and citing the reasons for his rejection.

The Swamiji is camping in Gulbarga University campus where he has been conducting spiritual classes. Sri Siddeshwara Swamiji also visits Mysuru to conduct discourses.

Bharathanatyam Rangapravesha tomorrow

Mysuru, Jan. 27- The Bharathanatyam Rangapravesha of R. Rakshitha, an alumnus of Vijaya Vittala PU College, has been organised by Nandana Performing Arts Centre Trust, Mysuru, on Jan. 28 at 5.30 pm at Sri Vasudevacharaya Bhavana, Sri Nadabrahma Sangeetha Sabha, JLB Road. The programme will be inaugurated by Dr. Vasundhara Doreswamy, Director of VPAC Trust, Mysuru. R. Vasudev Bhat, Hon. Secretary, VVEI will be the chief guest.

Rakshitha, a disciple of Guru Vidu. M.L. Varija Nalige, is the daughter of A. Ravi and H.R. Bharathi.

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City's Prof. R. Satyanarayana among nine *Padma* Awardees from State

Prof. R. Satyanarayana

R.N. Thyagarajan & R. N. Tharanathan

Mysuru, Jan. 27- City's Musicologist Prof. R. Satyanarayana, who has carved a niche for himself in music, dance, Physics and Archaeology, is among the nine *Padma* awardees from the State. He has been conferred the *Padma Shri* in the Music category. He has served as Professor of Physics in Sarada Vilas College.

The other seven, who have been chosen for *Padma Shri* from the State include R.N. Thyagarajan and R. N. Tharanathan, popularly known as Rudrapatnam Brothers; Sufi Singer from Bagalkot Ibraham Sutar in Music category; writer and film lyricist Doddarange Gowda (Lyrics); Seethavva Jodatti from Belagavi (Social Work), Midwife from Tumakaru Sulagithi Narasamma (Social Work) and Sri Siddeshwara Swamiji (Spiritualism).

Rudrapatnam Brothers, native of Rudrapatnam in Hassan District, are well-established names in Karnatak music. They have conducted more than 2,500 concerts in the past 60 years.

Midwife Narasamma, 97, who has been hospitalised because of age-related issues, has had no formal education and has assisted in conducting 15,000 deliveries. Seethavva Jodatti, a native of Kabbur village in Belagavi district, is instrumental in setting up more than 300 self-help groups for financial empowerment of oppressed classes.

Cueist Pankaj Advani, also from Karnataka, has been conferred *Padma Bushan*, the third highest civilian award.

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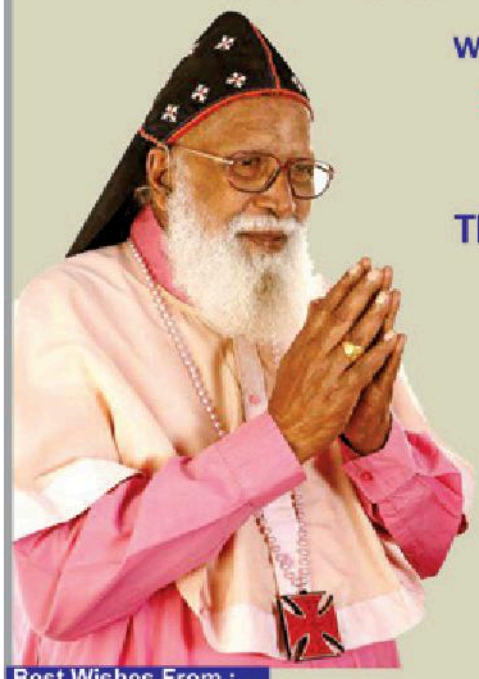

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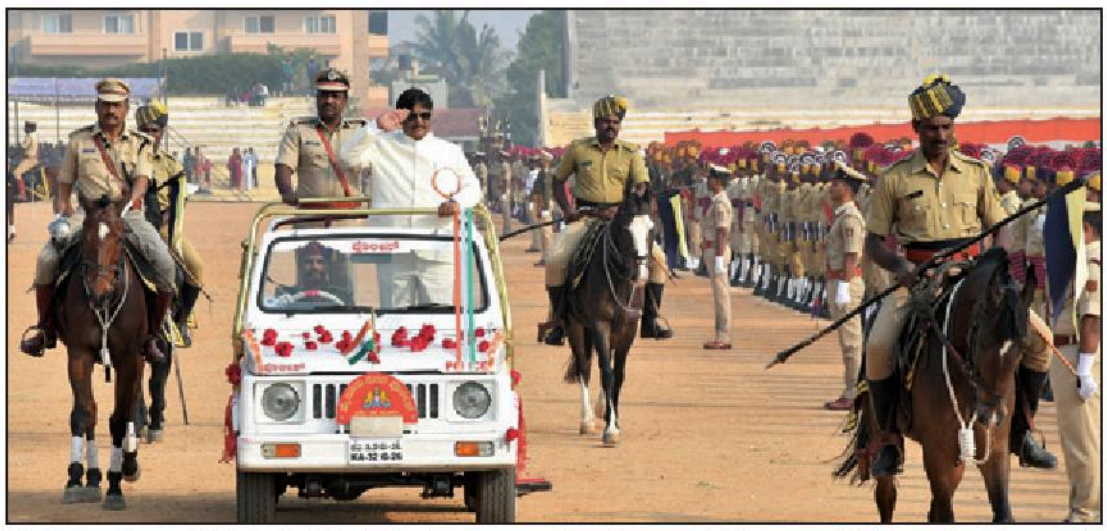
69th Republic Day celebrated with patriotic fervour in Mysuru



District in-Charge Minister Dr. H.C. Mahadevappa receiving the guard of honour while inspecting the parade. City Police Commissioner Dr. A. Subrahmanyeswara Rao is with the Minister.

Mysuru, Jan.27- The 69th Republic Day was celebrated in city yesterday in a grand manner. While all schools and colleges celebrated the day by holding special flag hoisting ceremonies and parades, the main event was organised by the District Administration at Torchlight Parade Grounds in Bannimantap where District in-Charge Minister Dr. H.C. Mahadevappa unfurled the National Flag.

After accepting the ceremonial Guard of Honour and after inspecting the parade in an open jeep, the Minister spoke about the Indian Constitution. He said, Dr. B.R. Ambedkar played an important role in drafting the Constitution and thus Indian Constitutional Supremacy, Parliamentary Supremacy, Judicial Supremacy, are its hallmarks.

Calling for a critical evaluation of the socio-economic progress made by the country in the last seven decades, the Minister said that one must re-dedicate oneself to create a greater egalitarian society.

"Socio-economic inequalities in society have not been bridged while atrocities against backward classes, Dalits, women, children and minorities have continued. Ambedkar's dream of an egalitarian society was yet to be realised and one has to rededicate to the values enshrined in the Constitution to achieve the same," he said.

"The country will thrive and democracy will be meaningful only if there is social and economic equality," he said. In this context, he said, the State Government was committed towards the creation of a more egalitarian society and had hence launched a series of welfare programmes for the benefit of the weaker sections of society.

The comprehensive development of rural areas and socio-economic empowerment of the people was possible only through implementation of ideals and values propounded by Mahatma Gandhi, Mahadevappa said and called for the strengthening of the agriculture sector.

Awards presented

Mahadevappa presented 'Sarvothama Seva' award to six Government officials for their distinguished service. Mysuru District Industries Centre Joint Director Ramakrishnegowda, Deputy Director for Tourism H.P. Janardhan, Mysuru City Corporation Revenue Officer Arasu Kumari, veterinarian Dr. D.N. Nagaraj, Deputy Tahsildar of Chikkayyana Chatra Hobli S.R. Rampriyan and Nagaraj of Mysuru District Treasury were honoured. Similarly, Mohammed Shafiullah and Dharanesh were feted with 'Jeeva Rakshaka' award for helping accident victims.

Veterinarian Dr. D.N. Nagaraj and MCC Revenue Officer Arasu Kumari being honoured by the District Administration during R-Day celebrations.

In all, 28 teams comprising various units from the armed forces including the KSRP, City Armed Reserve, DAR, RPF, CISF, Traffic Police, Women's Police, NCC, Scouts and Guides, Bharath Seva Dal, etc. took part in the parade. The band section comprised an ensemble from the KSRP, DAR and CAR who performed patriotic numbers.

Cultural show

Choreographed group dances were presented as part of the cultural programme by students of different schools to mark the celebrations. About 350 students of DAV School danced to 'Mera Bharat Mahan' followed by a presentation by 350 students of Ideal Jawa School who performed to 'Jai Ho'. This was followed by similar performances to patriotic numbers by 450 students from St. Thomas School and 300 students of SVEI School.

Best Parade

At the parade, B. Prakash, Sub-Inspector, Railway Protection Force unit, bagged the first place for performance while Pooja Hathharaki of Women's Police unit bagged the second place and RSI Chandrappa from City Armed Reserve bagged the third place.

In the unarmed category, S. Ahnikar of NCC Air Wing unit bagged the first place, ESI Venkatesh of Excise unit was accorded the second place and B.A. Pramod of NCC Naval wing won the third place. In the school category, Milind S. Prasad of Police Public School bagged the first place, Manoj from Jawahar Boys School bagged the second place while Thejaswi of Jawahar Girls School stood third.

Panther Mysuru City Commandoes presented an attractive anti-terror operation. It was led by RPI Ashok Kumar. Shivaraj and Kumar bagged the awards in assembling of gun blindfolded and assembling of gun using just one hand.

Zilla Panchayat President Nayeema Sulthana, Mayor B. Bhagyavathi, Deputy Chairman of the Legislative Council Marithibbegowda, Deputy Commissioner D. Randeep, ZP CEO P. Shivashankar and Additional Deputy Commissioner T. Yogesh were present.

Other celebrations

Mysuru Division of the South Western Railway (SWR) celebrated the Republic Day. Railway Manager Atul Gupta unfurled the National Flag in a ceremony attended by Railway employees and their family members.

Members of Sri Sumathinath Jain Navyuvak Mandal celebrated the day at Bal Bhavan and had arranged food for more than 6,000 people, including schoolchildren, Police and the general public. Committee members Sanjay Chauhan, Amit Jain, Anand Salecha, Kamlesh Kawad, Lalith Rathod, Tejraj Jain, Suresh Jain, Bharat Jain, Amit Rathod, and Mahendra Jain were present.

Students present patriotic-themed presentation at the Republic Day Parade yesterday.

Karnataka showcases wildlife at Rajpath

The Karnataka tableau that was displayed at the Republic Day Parade held at Rajpath in New Delhi. The tableau showcased the State's rich wildlife — both flora and fauna.

Moments of Amit Shah's maiden visit to Mysuru

Artist Amar paints the portrait of BJP President Amit Shah as he addresses the massive gathering at Maharaja's College Grounds on Jan.25 where he targeted Chief Minister Siddharamaiah. It was Amit Shah's maiden visit to Mysuru where he addressed the Nava Karnataka Parivartana Rally. According to Shah, Siddharamaiah and corruption were the two sides of the same coin. Amar later presented the portrait to Shah who accepted with glee. After the rally, Shah headed straight to Chamundeshwari Temple atop Chamundi Hill and sought the blessings of the Goddess. Temple Chief Priest Shashishekar Dixit performed the rituals. Union HRD Minister Prakash Javadekar and BJP leader K.R. Mohan Kumar were present.

Actress Roopa Iyer to contest from K.R. Constituency on KPJP ticket

Mysuru, Jan.27- Actress and Director Roopa Iyer is likely to contest from K.R. Constituency in the city on a Karnataka Prajakiya Janata Party (KPJP) ticket, in the forthcoming Assembly polls.

Roopa Iyer

The KPJP was floated by well-known actor-director Upendra a few months ago.

Although the ticket has not been finalised as yet, talks are underway in the party to field Roopa Iyer from K.R. Constituency.

However, Roopa Iyer herself has not taken a decision in this regard, it is learnt.

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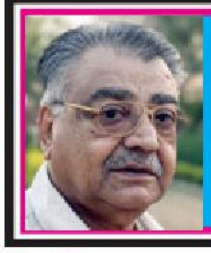

Abracadabra... Abracadabra...

By K.B. Ganapathy

Now is the time for voters

to demand their 'pound of flesh'

Come elections to Assembly or the Parliament, there is heat in the political camps. Otherwise, there is bonhomie among all political parties, though covertly, so that they can individually reap the benefit of our liberal democracy steeped in corruption.

While Siddharamaiah's ruling Congress may have the disadvantage of incumbency, the master-politician Siddharamaiah of great Machiavellian ideas coupled with our own Chanakya's, he has found ways and means of nullifying the adverse effects of incumbency.

The very fact that Siddharamaiah was able to complete the statutory five-year term of office without any strong opposition from his own party Legislators or from the High Command is proof how strong a leader he is. **What D. Devaraja Urs was in his days under a strong Indira Gandhi, Siddharamaiah is in these days under a weak Rahul Gandhi.**

He has actually launched a multiple people-friendly, rather poor people-friendly, schemes of so many *Bhagyas* (blessings) knowing that among the voters the number of poor are more compared to the rich and upper class. And it is the poor who go to the polling booths in large numbers. Poor are also those who could be easily (you know how !) brought to the polling booths.

The latest one among these *Bhagyas* is the Indira Canteens, an imitation of former Tamil Nadu Chief Minister J. Jayalalithaa's Amma Canteens. No matter these canteens function as effectively and purposefully as Amma Canteens or not, the required publicity of being a *Annadatha* or a Good Samaritan of the BPL card holding voters is achieved.

It is a fact that, as Siddharamaiah himself says in his political speech, most of the allegations made against him, his colleagues and the Government itself by the opposition BJP and JD(S) have been found without proof or evidence. No wonder, Siddharamaiah jokes about these allegations of corruption and mal-

CM Siddharamaiah

Former CM B.S.Yeddyurappa

Yeddyurappa says that Siddharamaiah has been dividing the people in the name of caste, community and religion. Yes, but that's how dirty politics is played in any democracy. If Police Department is under the control of former Police Officer Kempaiah, so be it. After all, he is appointed as per law and it is Siddharamaiah's prerogative. Yielding to a demand, Yeddyurappa has promised Parivara and Talawara communities to include them into the Scheduled Caste list. I guess the Kodavas of Kodagu, who have been agitating for recognition of their language and a tribal status must similarly get a promise from Yeddyurappa and Siddharamaiah. To jest, what happens when both Siddharamaiah and Yeddyurappa make the same promise?

administration saying that BJP President B.S. Yeddyurappa keeps saying he has evidence and records of corruption against Siddharamaiah and his government but never released those records nor did he file cases against him.

He likens these charges to a snake-charmer holding his snake basket, playing *pungi*, the distinctive wind music pipe, to rouse the snake out of the basket. However the snake charmer never opens the basket because there is no snake inside ! And then, in the last nearly five years, Yeddyurappa was keeping quiet and why only now this kind of allegations? Why not take them to the logical end? This surely leaves a question mark in the minds of the voters.

Now compare this with the NDA at the Centre. Indeed, the Congress and the Gandhi family are made to feel the heat of the law and some of their 'lobby' and 'dirty' politics are exposed for all to see — take the issue of 'intolerance' and the 'intellectuals' returning the awards, the JNU incident of challenging the Indian State and the latest revolt by four Supreme Court Judges against the Chief Justice of India Justice Dipak Misra. I am sure 80% of the people don't approve of this kind of attack on NDA Government and these challenges are well-exposed as vicious.

The BJP in Karnataka is now in an election mode and going all over the State holding *Parivartana Yatra* while Congress is all set to build a 'New Karnataka' and also going across the State holding meetings to counter BJP.

In Mysuru a couple of days back former CM Yeddyurappa said CM Siddharamaiah is facing 67 cases but has managed to escape. If the opposition BJP is strong and committed to protect the State exchequer, it should have worked hard to expose all these 67 cases.

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I guess, now B.S. Yeddyurappa must tell the people what the NDA is doing for the poor at the Centre and what he would do when and if he comes to power. It is just right for him to remind his voters that Prime Minister Narendra Modi, President Ram Nath Kovind and Vice-President M. Venkaiah Naidu are from backward communities, an assurance that the NDA and the BJP are concerned about the Dalits and the backward people.

Reminding the Dalits about how and who defeated Dr. B.R. Ambedkar in two Parliamentary elections and who neglected the residence of Dr. Ambedkar in London and in Maharashtra and how Narendra Modi is developing these houses as national monuments. Of course, it is necessary because in the past an impression was created that much was done for Dalits by the UPA and the Congress. But the truth is much less was done to the Dalits.

In Karnataka, voters of different sections are now demanding from political parties what they want from the Government when the party comes to power.

For example, yielding to a demand, Yeddyurappa has promised Parivara and Talawara communities, which come under backward classes, to include them into the Scheduled Caste list. I guess the Kodavas of Kodagu, who have been agitating for recognition of their language and a tribal status must similarly get a promise from Yeddyurappa and Siddharamaiah if they want support of Kodavas in the ensuing elections.

To jest, what happens when both Siddharamaiah and Yeddyurappa make the same promise? Whom will Kodavas choose? That's the beauty of democracy.

Long Live Democracy.

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NEWS BRIEFS

Book release at Kalasuruchi

Kalasuruchi and Chaitra Prakashana, Kuvempunagar, have organised release of a children's book titled 'Tour of Tigers and other Environmental Stories' authored by Dr. S. Sudha, at Kalasuruchi's Suruchi Rangamane, Chitrabhanu Road, today at 6 pm. Dr. H.K. Ramanath will release the book. Mysuru Ranganath will speak about the book. Vijaya Sinduvalli will preside. For details, contact Ph: 0821- 2541795.

Story-telling

Kalasuruchi has organised story-telling for kids by Prof. T. N. Prabhakar, Professor in Sanskrit and Retd. Additional Director, Directorate of Collegiate Education, Mysuru this evening (Jan. 27) from 4.30 pm to 5.30 pm at Suruchi Rangamane, # 476, Chitrabhanu Road, Kuvempunagar. For details, contact Mob: 92435-81097.

Free workshop for SSLC students

Kautilya PU College has organised a free workshop on Jan. 28 at 9 am at its campus in Kanakadasanagar here for students appearing for SSLC in March 2018. The workshop will groom the students on preparation for the examination in Social Science, Mathematics and General Science. For registration call Mob: 99000-38343.

Rangageethe contest

Apravarambhe will be conducting a 'Veerarasa Rangageethe' contest. There is no age limit for contestants. The recitations will be videographed. Harmonium and Tabla would be provided. The first three prizes will be Rs. 5,000, Rs. 3,000 and Rs. 2,000. The contestants should furnish their details and the song to be rendered to Apravarambhe, 214 - B, Akshara Kuteera, 4th Main, 17th Cross, Vidyaranyapuram, Mysuru-8. Last date to apply is Feb.5. Contestants will be intimated on phone about the date and venue of contest. For details call Mob: 96328-41700.

Yakshagana books

'Yakshagana Kaladhara' written by senior scholar G.S. Bhat and 'Yaksha Yugapurusha' edited by him will be released by Jalavalli Venkatesh Rao at a function jointly organised by Uttara Kannada District and Taluk Kannada Sahitya Parishat tomorrow at 11 am at Subramanya PU College in Honnavar taluk of Uttara Kannada District. G.S. Bhat will be felicitated on the occasion. Journalist G.U. Bhat will deliver the felicitation address. Uttara Kannada District Kannada Sahitya Parishat President Arvind Karkekodi will preside.

Drive to clear encroachments along Ratha Beedhi in Nanjangud begins

Nanjangud, Jan. 27 - The district administration yesterday launched an operation demolition to clear encroachments along the Ratha Beedhi or Car Street of Srikanteshwara Temple in Nanjangud.

The Ratha Beedhi is around 1.3 km long and there were 40 properties with encroachment which were identified for demolition and clearance. Deputy Commissioner D. Randeep said that five heavy earth movers were deployed for the demolition and clearance work and staff from the local TMC and PWD were involved in the operation.

The authorities took the assistance of the local Police during the course of the operation to ensure that there was no untoward incident. The DC said once the encroachments are cleared, works worth Rs. 10 crore can be taken up by the PWD.

The street is among the busiest stretch of the road in the temple town which attracts pilgrims from across the State and is a major hub of commercial activity. However, development works including road widening and upgradation was impeded by the encroachments.

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Calendar of Events: 1) TENDER NOTIFICATION NUMBER AND DATE REFERENCE :BCWD/HS/CR-87(1)/2017-18 DATE: 22-01-2018 **2) TENDER AMOUNT:** Rs.10.60 Lakhs. **3 DATE OF COMMENCEMENT OF SALE OF TENDER DOCUMENTS**:22.01.2018. **4) LAST DATE FOR SALE OF TENDER DOCUMENT:** 06.02.2018 Time 3.00pm. **5) LAST DATE AND TIME FOR RECEIPT OF TENDER FORM:** 07.02.2018 Time 11.00am **6) TIME AND DATE OF OPENING OF TENDERS:** 08.02.2018 Time 12.00PM(Place & Date May vary). **7) PLACE OF OPENING OF TENDERS:** DISTRICT OFFICER BACKWARD CLASSES WELFARE DEPARTMENT, Dr.Babu Jagajeevan Ram Bhavana, Adipampa Road, Narayanswamy Block, Paduvarahalli Layout, Mysore. **8) ADDRESS FOR COMMUNICATION:** DISTRICT OFFICER, BACKWARD CLASSES WELFARE DEPARTMENT, Dr.Babu Jagajeevan Ram Bhavana, Adipampa Road, Narayanswamy Block, Paduvarahalli Layout, Mysore. e-mail- dobcmmysore1@gmail.com Ph/Fax 0821-2342917

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Vikram Muthanna

Old Netas in Young India

Our former Chief Minister B.S. Yeddyurappa, at his Party's *'Parivartana Yatra'* said that though he was 76-years-old, with the support of people and God he would complete the 84-day Yatra on Feb. 4 in Bengaluru. With that Yeddy would have covered 219 Constituencies in the State, visited 29 of 30 districts in Karnataka and travelled over 10,500 kilometres! Remarkable for a 76-year-old man! Age, truly seems like just a number to our Yeddy or is it?

Just last year the Karnataka BJP went into panic mode when Yeddyurappa's supporters on his birthday published advertisements in the paper wishing their leader a happy 75th. Before more advertisements could be published supporters were ordered to ensure that Yeddy's age was mentioned as 74 years and not 75!

It left many perplexed. Was 75 an unlucky number? Well, in BJP 75 can sometimes be an unlucky number. It seems, Yeddy camp was worried that since Prime Minister Narendra Modi had put in place a rule that leaders above the age of 75 years should not hold any administrative posts, their leader would not be made the Karnataka CM candidate for 2018 Assembly election. But then they realised that this 75 age bar was only for the likes of L.K. Advani and did not apply to State leaders who could get BJP votes. So now Yeddy boldly proclaims he is 76.

But what keeps our senior politicians going on and on and on? No, it's not energizer battery nor is it yoga and it's definitely not a sense of service. It seems, the most effective anti-aging agent is hunger. Hunger for Power. The quest for power, to remain in power and playing power politics is the secret to a long active life. Because the average life expectancy in India is 68.5 years and most of our political leaders are far beyond that.

It is because of this obsession with power that India, one of the youngest nations in the world, has the oldest leaders in Parliament. According to a report, the youngest MP is 29 (Dushyant Chautala) and oldest is 89 (L.K. Advani) which

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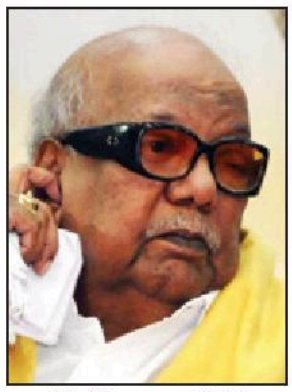

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Parkash Singh Badal

makes the median age of MPs 59. That's double the median age of India's population which is just 24! Over 65% of Indians are under the age of 35 but only 10 percent of the MPs are from this age group. Meanwhile, almost 10 percent of the seats are occupied by MPs older than 71 years and their population is just 2.4 per cent in the nation!

Yes, indeed experience matters but how progressive will New India be if the new generation has to live by the rules set by an older one. In that sense, India may be a democracy but more appropriately we are a 'gerontocracy' — the word means a nation or people governed by old people. In fact, this 16th Lok Sabha is the oldest in the history of India.

How do older MPs perform in Parliament? Not so well as they ask just 10 percent of the questions. But that changes dramatically when it comes to regional politics.

In our State itself we have 83-year-old former Prime Minister H.D. Deve Gowda, who is going to be the prime mover this Assembly election. We have the 85-year-old former Chief Minister S.M. Krishna, who just joined the BJP after he was sidelined in Congress. Now we have Yeddy at the age of 76 vying to be CM. In Kerala, we have V. S. Achuthanandan, who is 94. In Tamil Nadu, we have wheelchair-bound M. Karunanidhi who is 92. In Punjab, we have Parkash Singh Badal who is 90. In Assam, there is Tarun Gogoi politicking at 80. In Jammu, we have Farooq Abdullah going strong at 80 and the list can go on. Now, a government employee is asked to retire at 60, why not a politician?

We wish our leaders took the example of Nelson Mandela, who voluntarily demitted his Office as the President of South Africa. But very few politicians can let go of power.

Power is intoxicating and once experienced at a political level it is hard to let go. How can a life-long politician lead a normal insignificant civilian life when they have experienced a lifetime of industrialists, Police and bureaucrats bowing before them? That is why old politicians who can't be in power take the proxy route by making politicians out of their kith and kin.

They say as you get older you want people to remember you for you deeds, good deeds. But a politician as he gets older is not worried about legacy, he is worried about dynasty.

In some cases, senior politicians go out with a "bang" or to put it crudely with a "happy ending" like N.D Tiwari, who at the age of 86, instead of serving the people as the Governor, was caught getting serviced by three young girls.

Hindu philosophy divides human lifespan into four stages: Brahmacharya the Student Stage; Grihastha the Householder Stage; Vanaprastha the Hermit Stage; Sanyasa the Wandering Ascetic Stage. Unfortunately, most of our politicians never went past Grihastha…they instead created their own stage called 'Adhikara - astha' (political power stage). A stage they plan to remain in till their last breath leaving young India breathless.

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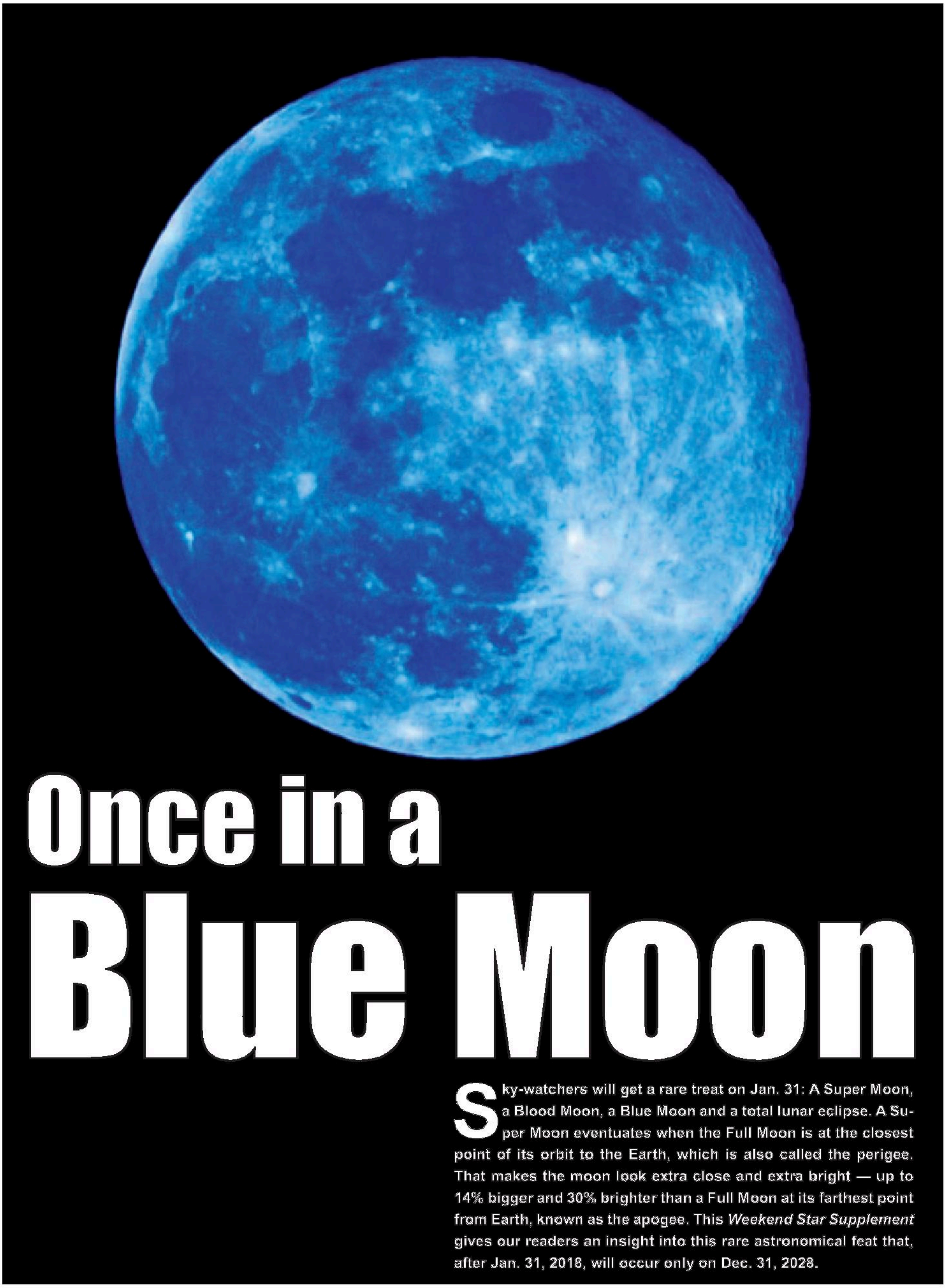

Once in a Blue Moon

Sky-watchers will get a rare treat on Jan. 31: A Super Moon, a Blood Moon, a Blue Moon and a total lunar eclipse. A Super Moon eventuates when the Full Moon is at the closest point of its orbit to the Earth, which is also called the perigee. That makes the moon look extra close and extra bright — up to 14% bigger and 30% brighter than a Full Moon at its farthest point from Earth, known as the apogee. This *Weekend Star Supplement* gives our readers an insight into this rare astronomical feat that, after Jan. 31, 2018, will occur only on Dec. 31, 2028.

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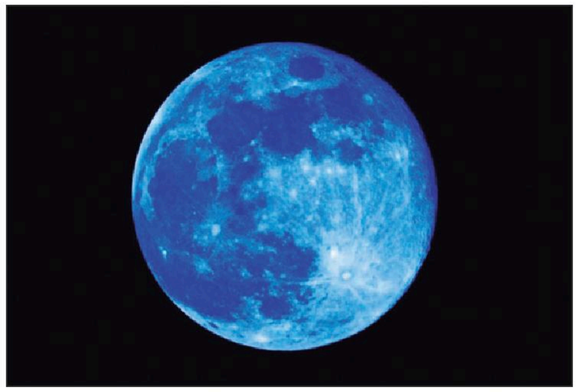
Super-Blood-Blue Moon



TOTAL LUNAR ECLIPSE ON JAN. 31

By Dr. S.A. Mohan Krishna, Amateur Astronomer

While it is common for all of us to have witnessed a regular lunar eclipse, the night of Jan. 31 (Wednesday) promises to be an absolutely exciting and enjoyable lunar eclipse as it will be unique, momentous and mesmerising. For, on that night, one can experience watching a Super Moon, Blood Moon and a Blue Moon total lunar eclipse – a very rare astronomical feast.

Normally in a month, one can see the biggest moon followed by two full moons. On January 31, Indians are really privileged to witness a super blue moon total lunar eclipse. **The eclipse will be visible in the region covering Middle East, Asia, Indonesia, Europe, Australia, New Zealand, North and South America, Northeast Africa, Antarctica, Pacific Ocean, and Hawaiian Islands.** It is visible from all parts of India. This rare feat is happening after 150 years. It last happened on March 31, 1866.

In simple words, lunar eclipse is the passage of the Moon through Earth's shadow. Lunar eclipses, which may be total or partial, can occur only during full moon when Sun, Earth and Moon are in one line. As the Sun is an extended light source, **Earth's shadow has two components – a dark, central UMBRA, where the Sun is completely obscured and a lighter outer PENUMBRA, within which the obscuration is partial.**

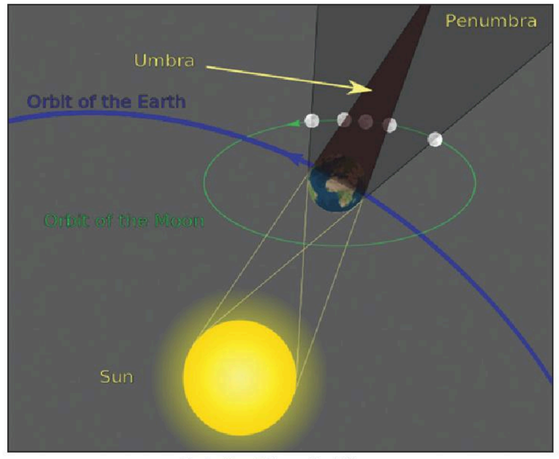
During a lunar eclipse, the Moon passes first through the penumbra, taking about an hour, moving eastward by its own diameter in this time to reach the western edge of the umbra. During the penumbral phase, the light of the full moon is only slightly reduced.

A lunar eclipse occurs when the Moon passes through the umbral region of the Earth's shadow and becomes imperceptible.

Lunar eclipse is discernible from a large part of the Earth. Lunar eclipses usually precede or follow solar eclipses by a fortnight. During a total eclipse of the Moon, the range of shading and the intensity of colour vary enormously.

No two lunar eclipses are ever quite the same and although some dismiss them as of less interest than solar eclipses – particularly total solar eclipses - where the events centred on totality occur rapidly in contrast with more stately progress of a lunar eclipse. But a lunar eclipse is fascinating to observe and one cannot deny this fact.

Lunar eclipses also have the advantage of being visible from the entire hemisphere of the Earth where the Moon is above the horizon, rather than being most impressive along a narrow track. The main difference from one event to another is the degree to which the totally eclipsed Moon is darkened and how colourful is might be.



Umbral and Penumbral Phases.

The duration of the total lunar eclipse visible on January 31 is 3 hours and 18 minutes. The moon enters the Penumbra at 4:21pm. By analysing the penumbral phase, the **total eclipse will commence at 6:21pm and terminates by 7:37pm.** It also leaves the Penumbra at 9:38 pm. **The greatest phase of the eclipse will eventuate at 6:59 pm.**

Following first contact, the Moon's more easterly limb will show a growing dark "nick" as it begins to enter the umbra more deeply. At a total lunar eclipse, Moon takes about an hour to become completely immersed in the umbra.

To begin with, there is little to see beyond a darkening of part of the Moon. But as the eclipsed portion increases, some colour may become evident. **The curved edge of the umbra may show a slight blue fringe. Refraction of sunlight – particularly at the red end of the spectrum – through Earth's atmosphere means that the umbra is not completely dark.** Consequently, the Moon does not usually disappear from view. Instead, it is dimmed and often takes on a reddish colour which becomes increasingly apparent as the umbral phase advances.

The diameter of Earth's umbra is thought by some to change in response to solar activity, perhaps decreasing at solar maximum as the upper atmosphere becomes slightly more extended in response to increased ultraviolet and X-ray emissions. Many observers try to measure the precise extent of the umbra during eclipses by timing the passage of its edge across identifiable lunar features such as craters.

Unless a lunar eclipse is very dark, it is usually quite easy to make out the dark Maria, contrasting with the brighter, cratered highlands, with the naked eye. At totality, the Moon – completely immersed in shadow – normally shows red, orange and yellow colours, often with some gradation.

Those parts of the Moon closer to the edge of the umbra often appear somewhat brighter and more yellowish than those towards the centre, which are redder. **Sunlight, diffusing through the Earth's atmosphere, bathes the Moon in a dull glow that reduces it to about one ten-thousandth the normal brightness of the full Moon.** The same principle causes the early-evening sky to remain relatively bright even though the Sun is below the horizon.

The shadow's darkness varies with the amount of cloud, dust and pollution that is suspended in the Earth's atmosphere at the time of the eclipse. Occasionally, the obscuration is sufficiently dense to make the Moon disappear, while at other times, the shadow imparts only a pale rusty hue to the Moon.

There is absolutely no harm in witnessing this gorgeous astronomical spectacle and could be clearly witnessed by using a reflecting telescope or astral binoculars. The duration of totality in a lunar eclipse depends on how nearly centrally the Moon passes through the umbra. **A central passage gives a maximum of 1 hour and 47 minutes.** During totality, any lighter border on the Moon will appear to move gradually round from the westerly to the easterly limb. The totality ends when the Moon's easterly limb re-emerges into sunlight and over the next hour or so, the full moon exits the umbra to regain its usual brilliance, thereafter clearing the penumbra.

Also, the best viewing location in Mysuru is from Chamundi Hills. After this year, the next time that a Blue Moon passes through Earth's umbra will be on **Dec. 31, 2028,** and after that on **Jan. 31, 2037.** Both of these eclipses will be total. Before 2017, there was an 8 percent partial eclipse on Dec. 31, 2009. But for a total eclipse of a Blue Moon, we have to go all the way back to March 31, 1866.

Large telescopes or high magnifications are of little value for observing a lunar eclipse. **It is always recommended using binoculars or a small low-power telescope** since they both allow the entire Moon to be viewed during the event.

The next total lunar eclipse (regular one) can be seen on July 27 of this year. So, do not forget to witness the blood moon total lunar eclipse on January 31. Enjoy the rare celestial feast.

Details of Total Eclipse of Moon (in Indian Standard Time)

Astronomical event	Total Lunar Eclipse (Jan. 31)
Eclipse begins	17:18 (5.18 pm)
Visibility of full moon	18:21 (6.21 pm)
Total eclipse begins	18:21 (6.21 pm)
Maximum phase of the eclipse	18:59 (6:59 pm)
Total eclipse ends	19:37 (7:37 pm)
Partial eclipse ends	20:41 (8:41 pm)
Moon enters penumbra	16:21 (4:21 pm)
Moon leaves penumbra	21:38 (9:38 pm)

Total Lunar Eclipse unfolds as follows

About 20 minutes before the Moon is scheduled to enter the shadow zone, the eastern edge of the Moon becomes slightly dusky, indicating that the shadow region is nearby. However, when the edge of the Moon actually contacts the shadow, the darkening effect is unmistakable.

During a total eclipse, the Moon takes about an hour to slip into the shadow. Once it is fully immersed, the total eclipse begins and can last anywhere from a few minutes to one-and-a-half hours.

The Moon swings out of the Earth's shadow during the final hour of the event. During the 10 minutes centred on mid-totality, try a visual estimate of the darkness of the eclipse with a scale developed by a French astronomer Andre Louis Danjon (1890 – 1967).

The level of darkness is often described in terms of the DANJON SCALE. This scale is intended for unaided-eye estimates: Zero on Danjon Scale is a very dark eclipse. One is a dark gray or brownish eclipse. Two is a deep red or rust-coloured eclipse. Three is a brick-red eclipse. Four on Danjon Scale is a bright copper-red or orange eclipse.

If the eclipse seems to be between two categories – one and two, it can be recorded as 1.5 on Danjon scale.

Remember, the scale is for unaided-eye estimates. Binoculars or telescopes make the eclipsed Moon appear brighter.

REMEMBER THIS

- **After this year, the next time that a Blue Moon passes through Earth's umbra will be on Dec. 31, 2028 and after that on Jan. 31, 2037.**
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How Mysuru is set to witness the rare celestial event

As the city is gearing up to witness the rare astronomical feat of Super Moon, Blood Moon and the Blue Moon on the night of Jan. 31, it will be a special moment for Sri Ramakrishna Vidyashala and Excel Public School in city as they have geared up to gaze the sky with special telescopes. Here is a brief write-up on the schools and their telescopes.

Sri Ramakrishna Vidyashala, Yadavagiri

Students of Sri Ramakrishna Vidyashala are seen preparing to view the rare celestial event that will occur on Jan. 31. Also seen are Vidyashala Principal S. Balaji and Correspondent Swami Yukteshanandaji.

Astronomical Observatory of Ramakrishna Vidyashala has been active over a decade in observing the sky effortlessly. The Astronomy section of the school has two reflecting telescopes – Celestron 8'' and Celestron 14''. Both the telescopes have Celestron's acclaimed Schmidt – Cassegrains optical system. The Celestron 8'' is a portable telescope, but Celestron 14" has a computer module housed in an observatory.

The best way to enjoy the beauty of the star-studded night sky is to use our eyes only, without being encumbered with optical aids like binoculars and telescopes. In fact, the wide angle of vision that observation with unaided eye allows is not available if we look through a pair of binoculars or a telescope. Astronomical observations, like any other walk of life today, have been profoundly revolutionized by the "silicon chip".

The Celestron Compustar 14" is a computer-controlled reflecting telescope, where the computer is controlled by an Intel 8052, 12 MHz microprocessor. The Compustar Computer displays the co-ordinates, type, magnitude, size and visual quality of each astronomical object being observed. It incorporates Celestron's acclaimed Schmidt – Cassegrain optical system.

The system has three elements - the Schmidt corrector, a concave primary mirror and a convex secondary mirror. The corrector plate lens looks like a flat window at the front of the telescope. The curved concave primary mirror is situated at the back, and fastened to the centre of the Schmidt corrector plate is the secondary convex mirror which faces the primary mirror. The rugged heavy-duty castings used for mechanical components provide vibration-free performance.

Celestron 14", as an astronomical telescope, has 14 inches aperture, an effective focal length of 3,910 mm, a resolving power of 0.33 seconds of an arc, a light gathering power of 2581 times that of a normal human eye and a maximum magnification of 840x. The Compustar has three in-built catalogues containing a total of more than 8,000 astronomical objects. They include

(1) The famous Messier catalogue of deep sky objects

(2) The computerized New General Catalogue of deep sky objects and

(3) Reference Catalogue of notable stars.

Any observation through a telescope starts with polar alignment of the telescope. The computer gets ready with beep sound when power is turned on. When the 'Begin Command' key is activated, the computer automatically asks for time, date, latitude and longitude of the place of observation and these data are fed to the computer very impressively slews to point Pole Star.

Excel Public School, Koorgalli

Astronomical Observatory of Excel Public School has been active from past two years. The school has installed the state-of-the-art 14 inch CGE PRO XLT Starbright Equatorial Mount Celestron GOTO Schmidt Cassegrain telescope with focal length of 3910 mm/ F11 for the school observatory for regular sky watching programmes for the children and for occasional public viewing. Open for general public on a regular basis, it had a huge impact on the minds of the people.

The 14-inch observatory class computer-operated telescope is a fully multicoated Schmidt - Cassegrain telescope with multi-coated Plossl eyepieces accessory, which is a very high resolution powered instrument just perfect to see very faint celestial objects up to 14 magnitudes. It has the light gathering power of 2560 times the naked eye limit.

The 8-inch Altazimuth CPC 800 GPS integrated telescope being smaller and more portable with focal length of 2032 mm/F10 is quite powerful and has the light gathering power of 850 times the naked eye limit. Both the telescopes can be mounted on a super sturdy steel tripods and dampers and preloaded with 40000 objects in its memory, like NGC, Caldwell, IC, Messier and Abel catalogues. With plenty of interchangeable lenses to go with the sky is not the limit and with magnification extending more than 400 times, objects such as galaxies as far as millions of light years is clearly visible.

The school campus, with its rooftop observatory, which is an ideal setting since it is a little out of limits of urban light pollution. On Jan.31, the school will organise a special star gazing event that is open to all space enthusiasts. Entry is free. Contact amateur astronomer Kiran Prasad on **9741516348** to register your names.

Workshop at Breakthrough Science Society

Breakthrough Science Society, Mysore Chapter is organising a workshop on Jan. 28 between 10 am and 1 pm at Taralabalu High School, near Maruti temple, TK Layout.

The workshop will be related to Total Lunar Eclipse. It will have PPT presentation, videos, talk, activities and discussion. All those who are interested can attend. Entry is free. Contact phone number - **9448314130.**

IPL AUCTION - 2018 IN BENGALURU

Ben Stokes sold for Rs. 12.50 cr

West Indian Chris Gayle, England captain Joe Root, Indian Murali Vijay, Australian player James Faulkner remain unsold

Ben Stokes

Bengaluru, Jan.27- England all-rounder Ben Stokes sold to Rajasthan Royals for Rs. 12.50 crore in this year's IPL Auction that is underway in Bengaluru. The most expensive purchase in IPL history, Stokes was bought by Rising Pune Supergiant for a staggering Rs.14.5 crore last year. Surprisingly, Jamaican cricketer Chris Gayle remained unsold during the first round of auction.

This year's auction features 580 players in all with 361 of them being Indians — there were 16 top players awarded marquee status and a base price of Rs. 2 crore.

TOP BUYS

(before lunch break)

Players	Team	Price (Rs. in crores)
Ben Stokes	RR	12.50
M. Padey	SRH	11
L. Rahul	KXIP	11
C. Lynn	KKR	9.60
M. Starc	KKR	9.40
G. Maxwell	DD	9
Kedar Jadhav	CSK	7.80
R. Ashwin	KXIP	7.60

PLAYERS BOUGHT DURING AUCTION

Sunrisers Hyderabad: Shikhar Dhawan (Rs 5.20 crore), Shakib-Al-Hasan (Rs.2 crore), Kiwi skipper Kane Williamson (Rs.3 Crore), Manish Pandey (Rs. 11 crore), Carlos Brathwaite (Rs. 2 crore), Yusuf Pathan Pathan (Rs 1.90 crore)

Kings Xl Punjab: R.Ashwin (Rs.7.60 crore), Yuvraj Singh (Rs. 2 Crore), Karun Nair (Rs 5.6 Crore), K.L. Rahul (Rs.11 crore), David Miller (Rs 3 crore), Aaron Finch (Rs. 6.20 crore), Marcus Stoinis (Rs. 6.20 crore)

Mumbai Indians: Kieron Pollard (Rs. 5.40 crore)

Rajasthan Royals: Ben Stokes (Rs.12.50 crore), Ajinkya Rahane (Rs. 4 crore), Stuart Binny (Rs. 50 lakh)

Chennai Super Kings: Faf du Plessis (Rs.1.60 crore), Harbhajan (Rs. 2 crore), Dwayne Bravo (Rs. 6.40 crore), Shane Watson (Rs 4.00 crore), Kedar Jadhav (Rs 7.80 crore)

Kolkata Knight Riders: Mitchell Starc (Rs.9.40 crore), Chris Lynn (Rs 9.60 crore)

Delhi Daredevils: Glenn Maxwell (Rs 9 crore), Gautam Gambhir (Rs. 2.80 crore), Colin Munro (Rs 1.90 crore)

Royal Challengers Bangalore: Brendon McCullum (Rs 3.60 crore), Colin de Grandhomme (Rs 2.20 crore), Moeen Ali (Rs 1.70 crore).

The bidding was on we went to Press.

Postal Fair on Jan. 29

Mysuru, Jan. 27- Department of Posts, Nanjangud has organised a Postal Fair on Jan. 29 at Ghattavadi Village of Kavalande hobli in Nanjangud taluk and at Vyasarajapura village in Halesosale hobli of T. Narasipur taluk on Jan. 31.

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Valedictory of Organic Farming Research Station

District In-Charge Minister Dr. H.C. Mahadevappa, MLA G.T. Devegowda, MP R. Dhruvanarayan, University of Agriculture Sciences, Bengaluru Vice-Chancellor Dr. H.Shivanna and others at the valedictory of the centenary celebration of the Organic Farming Research Station at Naganahalli this morning.

Mysuru, Jan.27 (PM&NNN)- Agriculture is the backbone of the country and this was realised long ago by the erstwhile ruler of Mysore Nalwadi Krishnaraja Wadiyar, a visionary who set up the Naganahalli Farming Research Centre one hundred years ago for the development of Agriculture and to help the farmers increase their income, said District In-Charge Minister Dr. H.C. Mahadevappa.

He was speaking after inaugurating the valedictory of the centenary celebration of the Organic Farming Research Station at Naganahalli in Mandya District. He also recalled the contributions of the first Director of the Station Dr. Leslie Coleman and said if he had not introduced the paddy variety in the old Mysore region, Mandya would not be called the sugar land today.

He called upon the agriculture scientists and University professors for development of agriculture along scientific lines to increase productivity to meet the food requirements of a rising population. "People are showing more interest in consumption of millet, thus going back to the roots. Both agriculture and cottage industry should grow and the only way it can grow is by using modern technology," he said.

ಬ್ರಾಹ್ಮಣ ಧರ್ಮ ಸಹಾಯ ಸಭಾ (ರಿ)
ಶತಮಾನೋತ್ಸವ ಸಮಾರಂಭ

ಆಹ್ವಾನ ಪತ್ರಿಕೆ

ಆತ್ಮೀಯರೆ,
ಸ್ವಸ್ತಿಶ್ರೀ ವಿಜಯಾಭ್ಯುದಯ ಶಾಲಿವಾಹನಶಕ ವರ್ಷಂಗಳು 1939ಕ್ಕೆ ಸರಿಯಾದ ಶ್ರೀ ಹೇವಿಳಂಬಿ ನಾಮ ಸಂವತ್ಸರದ ಉತ್ತರಾಯಣ ತಿಪರಿಯಿತು ಮಾಘಮಾಸ ಶುಕ್ಲಪಕ್ಷ ದ್ವಾದಶೀ ಶುಭದಿನದಂದು ದಿನಾಂಕ 28.01.2018ನೆಯ ಭಾನುವಾರ ಬೆಳಿಗ್ಗೆ 10.30 ಗಂಟೆಗೆ ಉದ್ಘಾಟನಾ ಸಮಾರಂಭವನ್ನು ಆಚರಿಸಲಾಗುತ್ತದೆ.

ಉದ್ಘಾಟನೆ: ಹುಬ್ಬಳ್ಳಿಯ ಶ್ರೀ ಆದಿಶಂಕರಾಚಾರ್ಯ ಶಾರದಾಲಕ್ಷ್ಮೀನಾರಾಯಣ ಪೀಠಾಧೀಶ್ವರರಾದ ಪರಮಪೂಜ್ಯ ಶ್ರೀಮಜ್ಜಗದ್ಗುರು ಶಂಕರಾಚಾರ್ಯ ಶ್ರೀ ಶ್ರೀ ಸ್ವಯಂಪ್ರಕಾಶ ಸಚ್ಚಿದಾನಂದ ಸರಸ್ವತೀ ಮಹಾಸ್ವಾಮಿಗಳವರ ದಿವ್ಯಸಾನ್ನಿಧ್ಯದಲ್ಲಿ

ಸಂಸ್ಥಾಪಕರ ಮತ್ತಳಿಯ ಆಶಾವರಣ: ಪೂಜ್ಯ ಡಾ॥ ಬಿ. ಭೀಮೇಶ್ವರರಾವ್ ಅವರು, ಧರ್ಮಕರ್ತರು.
ಶ್ರೀ ಕ್ಷೇತ್ರ, ಹೊರನಾಡು ಸಭೆಯ ಸಂಸ್ಥಾಪಕರಾದ ಆಸ್ಥಾನ ವಿದ್ವಾನ್ ಶ್ರೀ ನಂಜನಗೂಡು ಶ್ರೀಕಂಠಶಾಸ್ತ್ರಿಗಳವರ ಮತ್ತಳಿಯ ಆಶಾವರಣ

ಸ್ವರಣಸಂಚಿಕೆ "ಬ್ರಾಹ್ಮಿ" ಬಿಡುಗಡೆ: ಗೌರವಾನ್ವಿತ ನ್ಯಾಯಮೂರ್ತಿ ಶ್ರೀ ಎಂ. ಎಸ್. ಬೆಳಕೂಡಲಯ್ಯ ಅವರು ಸರ್ವೋಚ್ಚ ನ್ಯಾಯಾಲಯದ ನಿವೃತ್ತ ಮುಖ್ಯ ನ್ಯಾಯಾಧೀಶರು.

ಶತಮಾನೋತ್ಸವ ಫಲಿಯ ಆಶಾವರಣ: ಸನ್ಮಾನ್ಯ ಶ್ರೀ ಯದುವೀರ ಕೃಷ್ಣದತ್ತ ಚಾಮರಾಜ ಒಡೆಯರ್ ಅವರು, ಗೌರವಾನ್ವಿತ ಮೈಸೂರು ಯದುವಂಶದ ಮಹಾರಾಜರು

ಸಂಜೆ ನಡೆಯ ಬಂದಾರಿಯ ಸಿ.ಡಿ. ಬಿಡುಗಡೆ: ಸನ್ಮಾನ್ಯ ಶ್ರೀ ಅನಂತ್‌ಕುಮಾರ್ ಅವರು, ಕೇಂದ್ರ ಸಚಿವರು, ಸಂಸದೀಯ ವ್ಯವಹಾರಗಳು ಜಾಗೂ ಬೆಟ್ರೋಲಿಯಂ ಮತ್ತು ಕೆಮಿಕಲ್ಸ್ ಇಲಾಖೆ, ಭಾರತ ಸರ್ಕಾರ

ಸನ್ಮಾನಿಸುವವರು: ಸನ್ಮಾನ್ಯ ಶ್ರೀ ಎಸ್. ರಮೇಶ್ ಕುಮಾರ್ ಅವರು, ಆರೋಗ್ಯ ಮತ್ತು ಕುಟುಂಬಕಲ್ಯಾಣ ಸಚಿವರು, ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಸರ್ಕಾರ

ಮುಖ್ಯ ಅತಿಥಿಗಳು: 1. ಸನ್ಮಾನ್ಯ ಶ್ರೀ ಕೆ. ಎಸ್. ನೆಂಕಟೆಶಾರಾಯಣ ಅವರು, ಅಧ್ಯಕ್ಷರು, ಅಖಿಲ ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಬ್ರಾಹ್ಮಣ ಮಹಾಸಭಾ
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When Bangarappa tried to slap Indira Gandhi !

Former Union Minister B. Janardhana Poojary is seen releasing his Autobiography titled 'Saalamelada Sangrama' in Mangaluru on Friday.

Mangaluru, Jan.27 - Former Union Minister and Veteran Congress leader B. Janardhana Poojary's Autobiography titled '*Saalamelada Sangrama*' was released here on Friday.

Poojary himself released the book at Kudroli Sri Gokarnanatheshwara Temple, which he developed over the years as a seat of devotion for the Billava community, which he belongs to.

A startling revelation Poojary has made in the book is about the reported attempt by Bangarappa to slap Indira Gandhi. While Bangarappa was made the KPCC President on his (Poojari's) recommendation, R. Gundu Rao was made Poll Committee Chairman just before the 1980 Parliamentary poll. When Bangarappa became upset for having lost the opportunity to become the CM and threatened to quit the party, Poojary took him to Indira Gandhi, according to the book.

During the meeting, Bangarappa not only talked rudely to her, but also attempted to slap her, when he had to restrain him, Poojary writes in the book.

Indira Gandhi

Bangarappa

Detailing his political journey from 1977, when he was asked to contest the Lok Sabha polls on a Congress ticket from the then Mangaluru - Kodagu Constituency, the 80-year-old veteran Congress leader has revealed several behind the scene developments in Karnataka and in national politics since then.

A confidant of late Prime Minister Indira Gandhi and the late Rajiv Gandhi, Poojary writes that he declined the CM's post at least four times, for the simple fact that he was naive in 'collection.' As a powerful functionary in the Congress for a very long time, he was able to promote several leaders, including Oscar Fernandes, M.Veerappa Moily, the late S. Bangarappa, M. Mallikarjun Kharge, the late N. Dharam Singh among others in the State.

Referring to the holding of loan melas when he was a Union Minister, Poojary says the loan melas were inspired by Indira Gandhi's statement that nationalisation of banks did not bring results as intended by her to help the poor. Loan melas, though criticised by many, actually empowered the poor, he claimed.

Poojary felt he still had regrets that his integrity had cost the life of his second son Madhukumar J. Poojary. Though Madhu was injured twice in road mishaps in New Delhi, he got him treated at Government hospital in line with his Principles. Unfortunately, Madhu developed cancerous tumour and passed away, he said.

The autobiography release event was attended by Ministers B. Ramanath Rai, who of late has been having strained relations with Poojary and U.T Khadar, RSS leader Kalladka Prabhakar Bhat, a few MLAs, MLCs, and other political leaders.

EPIC distributed on National Voters Day

DC Randeep is seen distributing Electoral Photo Identity Cards (EPICs) at a programme organised at Town Hall in city recently as Principal District and Sessions Judge PGM Patil and others look on.

Mysuru, Jan.27 (PM&US)- Marking National Voters Day, District Administration had organised a function at Town Hall here recently. About 300 newly enrolled voters participated in the programme.

Inaugurating the programme, Principal District and Sessions Judge PGM Patil emphasised that democracy was a Government ruled by the people and hence averred that every citizen of the country should vote to guarantee a stable Government with good leaders. He observed that a low percentage of voting would not ensure a representative Government. He pointed out that voting percentage was good in rural areas compared with urban areas. Electoral Photo Identity Cards (EPICs) were distributed to newly enrolled voters. The Judge administered an oath to all the new voters. Those born on Jan.1, 2000 were christened as 'Millennium voter.'

DC D. Randeep presided. ADC T. Yogesh, District Legal Services Authority Member-Secretary Mohammed Muzirullah, MCC Commissioner G. Jagadeesha, DDPUE Shyamala, DDPI Manjula and others were present during the programme.

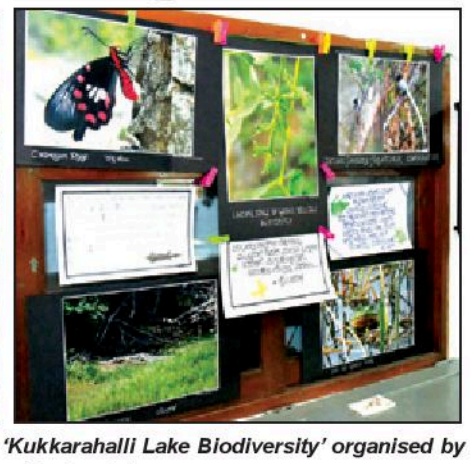
Madiwala Machaiah Jayanti

Mysuru, Jan.27 (US)- For the first time as per the Government order, Madiwala Machaiah Jayanti will be celebrated in the State and accordingly, District Administration has organised a function in that context on Feb.1 at Kalamandira here.

Disclosing this at a preliminary meeting held at the DC's office here recently, Additional DC T. Yogesh said that the function would be organised jointly by the Department of Kannada and Culture and Madiwala Machaiah Samiti. He further said that a procession would be taken out that day from Kote Anjaneyaswamy Temple to Kalamandira.

Department of Kannada and Culture Assistant Director Chennappa, City Madiwala Sangha President Varuna Mahadeva, Samiti General Secretary Chennakeshava, District Sangha President Chandrashekar Byri and others were present during the meeting.

Krupakar, Senani inaugurate photo expo



Wildlife Filmmakers Krupakar and Senani at the inauguration of Photo Exhibition on 'Kukkarahalli Lake Biodiversity' organised by Kukkarahalli Kere Ulisi Samithi at 'Chai Patthe' on Vishwamanava Double Road in city yesterday. Picture right shows the photographs on display at the expo.

Mysuru, Jan.27- Renowned Wildlife Film Makers Krupakar and Senani inaugurated a Photo Exhibition on 'Kukkarahalli Lake Biodiversity' organised by Kukkarahalli Kere Ulisi Samithi at 'Chai Patthe' on Vishwamanava Double Road in Saraswathipuram here yesterday. There are more than 80 photographs displayed.

After the inauguration and photo tour, the duo interacted with the public about the importance of nature conservation and Kukkarahalli Lake and also shared their experiences. The discussion made the general public aware of the importance of nature conservation.

The photo exhibition will be open for public today and tomorrow from 10 am to 6 pm. Today, P. Guruprasad will be talking about Kukkarahalli Lake Biodiversity and tomorrow Prof. U.N. Ravikumar will be talking about the importance of Lake conservation. The talk is from 6 pm to 7 pm on both days, according to a press release from the Samithi.

AN APPEAL

Support to Save Kodagu from Destruction

The Environment, the Forests, the Landscape and the very future of Kodagu and its people are at stake due to the proposals for two destructive projects of Railways and four Multi-lane National Highways through Kodagu. With the felling of lakhs of trees across Kodagu, the death of River Cauvery will be only a matter of time.

In this regard, the **Coorg Wildlife Society (CWS)** is coordinating a **Save Kodagu and Cauvery Campaign** with the support of various organisations and individuals across Kodagu. You may be aware that we have already organised protests at Madikeri and Kutta last year. We have met the Chairman, Railway Board at Delhi and the Project Director of NHAI at Ramnagar. We have also taken up the matter with various political leaders.

However, in order to fight the vested interests that are hell bent on these projects and to put pressure on our ill-advised policy-makers, much more needs to be done. We will need to approach the Courts, organise more protests, involve National TV Channels and send delegations to Bengaluru and Delhi. Press conferences and other media-related events will be required not only in Kodagu but also at Mysuru, Bengaluru and Delhi.

We have already put in a lot of time, money and effort from our side and we will continue to do so. However, we urgently require additional **funding support** to be able to manage the entire spectrum of actions. **We, therefore, request every concerned people hailing from Kodagu to contribute generously and at the earliest towards The Save Kodagu Fund of Coorg Wildlife Society.**

Crossed Cheque favouring CWS, Save Kodagu Fund, may please be sent to our office address: Coorg Wildlife Society, PO Box 111, Near DFO Quarters, Chain Gate, Madikeri-571201. Alternately, RTGS payments may be made to CWS, Save Kodagu Fund, Corporation Bank, Madikeri, A/C No: 520101224054488, IFSC Code: CORP0000007.

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—Col. C.P. Muthanna, President, Coorg Wildlife Society & Coordinator, Save Kodagu and Cauvery Campaign

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Brahmana Dharma Sahaya Sabha Centenary Celebrations tomorrow

Mysuru, Jan.27(RKB&NNN)- The Centenary Celebrations of Brahmana Dharma Sahaya Sabha on Thyagaraj Road will be held at the Platinum Jubilee auditorium of Mysore Medical College at J.K. Grounds on Jan.28 at 10.30 am.

Addressing a press conference at the Patrakarthara Bhavan here recently, Sabha President N. Srinivas said that the Brahmana Dharma Sahaya Sabha was established under the leadership of Vidwan Nanjangud Srikanta Shastry in 1918.

It is completing 100 seasons and had stalwarts like M. Venkatakrishnaiah (Thathaiah), Agaram Rangaiah, Rao Bahadur Ramaswamy, V. Lakshminarayan Rao, M.T. Ramaswamy, K. Seshadri, Ambale Annaiah Pandit, H.T. Narasimhamurthy, S. Krishnamurthy and M.L. Padmanabh Jois as Presidents. M. Manjunath is President since the last 14 years, he added.

The celebrations will be inaugurated on that day in the presence of Haripura's Adishankaracharya Sharada Lakshminarasimha Peetha Sankaracharya Seer Swayamprakash Sachhidananda Saraswathi Swamiji.

Dr. B. Bhimeshwar Joshi will unveil the statue of the founder Vidwan Nanjangud Srikanta Shastry. Former Supreme Court Chief Justice M. N. Venkatachalaiah will release a souvenir *'Brahmi.'*

Yaduveer Krishnadatta Chamaraja Wadiyar will unveil the Centenary plaque. Union Minister Ananth Kumar will release the CD on the Sabha's march towards the Century.

Sringeri Sharada Peetha CEO Dr. V. R. Gowrishankar and Civil Engineer R. Sundaramurthy will be felicitated. A hi-tech hearse van with required facilities purchased with the help of H.V. Rajeev Sneha Balaga that has donated over Rs. nine lakh will be presented to the Sabha.

Obituary

Dr. Shamala Kumari

Mysuru, Jan. 27- Dr. Shamala Kumari (84), a resident of Jayalakshmipuram, passed away this morning.

She leaves behind her husband Prof. B.V. Mariyappa, three sisters Dr. D.S. Kamala Kumari (wife of ex-MLC Thontadarya), Nirmala Dekhne and Vimala Kittur Mutt and a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites were performed this afternoon at *Muktidhama* near Hootagalli here.

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KSCA Mysuru Zone M. Gopalaswami Memorial Cricket Tourney

RBN Cricket Club emerges champs

A group photo of RBN Cricket Club Members who won KSCA Mysuru Zone Sri Gopalaswami Memorial Cricket Tournament-2017 played at the SDNR Wadiyar Grounds here on Thursday.

Mysuru, Jan.27- An all-round performance by Saishiv Narayan (50 & three for 44) helped RBN Cricket Club to register a 14-run win over Jo Jo Cricket Club in the final and clinched the title in the KSCA Mysuru Zone's Sri Gopalaswami Memorial Cricket Tourney-2017, played at the SDNR Wadiyar Platinum Jubilee University Grounds here on Thursday.

SCORES

Final: RBN Cricket Club - 234 in 49.1 overs (Saishiv Narayan 50, D. Vijeth 44, P.V. Preetham 35, G. Shanthraj four for 38, K. Somshekar 3 for 39) bt **Jo Jo Cricket Club - 220** in 47 overs (Nandakishore 50, K. Somshekar 42, M. Venkatesh 37, Saishiv Narayan 3 for 44).

Wednesday's matches

Semi-finals: Jo Jo Cricket Club - 284 for 9 in 50 overs (Liyan Khan 103, Utham Aiyappa 47, B. Tanu 27, Abdul Majid 26, Nandakishore 25) bt **National CC -** 195 in 44.1 overs (M.S. Vinay 41, Kaunain Abbas 40, Amruth Vaka 33, Dhanush Vishu 26, G. Shantaraju 5 for 28, Abdul Majid 3 for 35). **RBN Cricket Club -** 276 for 5 in 50 overs (Yogesh R. Gowda 81, Saishiv Narayan 60, M.B. Darshan 50, P.V. Preetham 40, Syed Zain 27) bt **Saraswathipuram SC -** 244 in 47.5 overs (Gowtham Sagar 96, A.N. Darshan 33, Viraj Vinay Mane 25, S. Koushik 25, G.S. Yodhan Hrudhay 3 for 41).

KSCA Mysuru Zone T20 Tourney

Ten wicket win for Vidyaranya CC

Mysuru, Jan.27- Inspiring batting by openers A. Jeshwanth (72 n.o.) and L. Nagarjun (42 n.o.) helped Vidyaranya CC to register a facile ten-wicket win over Mysore Underwriters SC and entered the second round in the KSCA Mysuru Zone T20 Tournament for Clubs played at the JSS-SJCE Grounds here recently.

SCORES

Mysore Underwriters SC: 119 for 9 in 20 overs (S. Satisha 28, T. Niranjan 4 for 22, Sampreeth R. Shetty 3 for 25) lost to **Vidyaranya CC:** 124 for no loss in 18.4 overs (A. Jeshwanth 72 n.o., L. Nagarjun 42 n.o.). **Venus CC:** 138 for 8 in 20 overs (Madhu 70 n.o., Shantaraju 3 for 16, Tanu 4 for 24) lost to **Jo Jo CC:** 141 for 1 in 14.5 overs (M. Venkatesh 81 n.o., N. Bharath 44 n.o.). **SGKM:** 115 in 19.1 overs (K. Sathak 30, R. Hemanth 2 for 19, S. Pradeep 2 for 16, Aquib Khan 2 for 20) lost to **FUCC:** 119 for 2 in 14 overs (S. Pradeep 81).

Bellur CC: 94 in 19.5 overs (D.R. Naveen Kumar 35 n.o., Lochan Appanna 3 for 18, H.S. Mahesh 2 for 20, C.R. Aiyappa two for five) lost to **Navodaya CC:** 95 for 6 in 15.4 overs (C.R. Aiyyappa 29, Anshuman Guru 28, Sohan P. Hegde 2 for 20).

The Mysore Gymkhana: 195 for 3 in 20 overs (Vineeth 78, A.M. Hemanth Kumar 58, Pradeep Gangadhar 38) bt **Hebbal CC:** 97 for 9 in 20 overs (Venu 28, Pradeep 26 n.o., A.M. Hemanth Kumar three for 30, Rahul Srinivas 3 for 22).

Wins Inter-Collegiate Chess

National Institute of Engineering (NIE) won Mysuru City Inter-Collegiate Men's Chess title recently. Seen are (from left - sitting) R. Manjunatha (Captain), Principal Dr. G. Ravi, PE Director H.N. Shankaranarayana, Asst. PE Director R. Kavya; (standing) G.D. Sandesh, V. Vrushank, Sharan R. Setty, M.D. Chiranth and B.G. Tejas.

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Melbourne, Jan.27- Fifth seeds Timea Babos and Kristina Mladenovic took out the Australian Open Women's Doubles title on Friday to be crowned Grand Slam champions for the first time.

The Hungarian-French pairing battled past second seeded Russians Ekaterina Makarova and Elena Vesnina 6-4, 6-3 on Rod Laver Arena, to foil the Russian pair's quest for a career Grand Slam.

Babos will be partnering India's Rohan Bopanna in the Mixed Doubles finals to be played tomorrow agianst G. Dabrowski & M. Pavic.

This afternoon, in Women's Singles finals, top seeds Simona Halep and Caroline Wozniacki will play for their first major title and the No.1 ranking. In Men's Doubles finals today, O. Marach & M. Pavic will play against R. Farah & J. Cabal.

Excel in State-level

The students of Sadvidya High School, Mysuru, who represented the State in different sports disciplines conducted by the Department of Education, GoK — (standing from left) Harshith (Cricket), Raaj (Cricket), Sriram (Tennis), Manoj Gowda (Swimming), Dhanush (Cricket), S. Chethan (Cricket), K. Vikyath (Wrestling) and Sudharshan (Wrestling); Kneeling: Sahana (Badminton), Monisha (Yoga), Mahima (Swimming), Supriya (Badminton) and Basavadeepthi (Badminton) — are seen with (sitting from left) N.D. Jagannath (PE Director), M.D. Gopinath (Secretary), R. Vijayashekar (President), H.N. Subbarao (Head Master - SHS) and C.N. Balakrishna (Asst. Head Master - SHS).

Over seven lakh Muslims congregate at Nanjangud for three-day Ijtema

Lakhs of Muslims seen congregating at the three-day All India Mushavarathi Ijtema (Convention), organised by the Muslim community at the Adakanahalli Industrial Area, near Kadokola in Nanjangud taluk today.

Mysuru, Jan.27 (RK&NNN)- Nearly seven lakh Muslims including 13 Maulvis from the country and abroad are congregating at the three-day All India Mushavarathi Ijtema (Convention), organised by the Muslim community at the Adakanahalli Industrial Area, near Kadokola in Nanjangud taluk.

People have been coming in buses, cars and trains from yesterday from Gujarat, Uttar Pradesh, Telengana, Maharashtra and even from Bangladesh, Kenya, Mauritius and other parts of Karnataka and the number has already touched six lakhs and it is likely to go up to seven lakhs by this evening.

The Ulemas or Maulvis conduct prayers, speak about unity and communal harmony, is the message that is strongly sent on all the three days. One of the organisers, speaking on condition of anonymity told *Star of Mysore* that this is the first time such a big convention is being held in Mysuru and the earlier conventions were held only at the district level.

There are ten camps set up at the site and the food for three days that includes breakfast, lunch and dinner both vegetarian and non-vegetarian costs Rs.150 for all the three days. Five times Namaz is held.

Teachings on Quran are held and there are no political speeches, said the source. People living in Mysuru, return home, while all others stay in the camp.

One of the camp coordinators Aftab Ahmed has set up a camp at the Mysuru Toll Gate to receive the visitors and the second camp is at the City Railway Station where KSRTC buses hired for taking the participants to the venue by paying Rs.50 for Volvo buses and Rs.40 for ordinary ones.

Hazrath Moulana Ahmed Hussain, Gujarat Hazrath Moulana Ibrahim Ibrahim Devos, Gujarat and Hazrath Moulana Ahmed Lad Saheb, Gujarat, Hazrath Moulana Dr. Khalid Ahmed, Aligarh, UP, Hazrath Moulana Dr. Sana Ulla, Aligharh, UP, Hazrath Moulana Abdul Rahman, Hazrath Moulana Farooq Ahmed, Hazrath Moualna Akbar Shariff Shariff, Bengaluru and Hazrath Moulana Mohamed Zaka Ulla Saheb Siddiqui, President, All India Mili Council, Mysuru District Unit, are some of the many Maulvis attending the Ijtema.

Thousands of volunteers are working day and night and vehicular traffic is being controlled by them. There are no banners or slogans raised at the venue, said the source.

Actor 'Yedakallu Chandrashekhar' passes away in Canada

Chandrashekhar

Bengaluru, Jan. 27- Noted Kannada actor Chandrashekhar (63), popularly known as 'Edakallu Chandrashekhar,' passed away in the wee hours today in Canada.

His daughter Tanya, based out of Bengaluru, told reporters that her father had suffered a massive cardiac arrest.

Chandrashekhar had debuted as a child artiste with 'Namma Makkalu' in 1969 but got his big break from the 1973 film 'Edakallu Guddada Mele,' a film directed by Puttanna Kanagal where he played the role of Nanjunda. He had acted in over 40 films to date and his last film '3 ghante, 30 dina, 30 second' is ready for release. Another film 'Raju Kannada Medium,' in which he acted in, is running in theatres now.

Chandrashekhar, after an initial prolific career, shifted to Canada after his marriage to dancer Sheela in 1984 and had remained away from Kannada film industry before his return in 2004 when he directed and acted in 'Poorvapara' with leading actress Geetha. He later shuttled between Bengaluru and Canada, doing a few supporting roles.

His daughter Tanya said he was in Bengaluru and had gone back to Canada just 10 days ago. "Yesterday night I spoke to him when he was shifted to a hospital. He only said he had a slight pain, but I got a call at around 3.30 am saying he passed away," she told media persons. The family is yet to decide whether the body will be brought to Bengaluru or the last rites conducted in Canada.

Elected to MCC Standing Committees

Mysuru, Jan.27 (RK&DM)- Even as the election to the Mayor and Deputy Mayor posts ended amidst chaotic scenes on Jan.24, the election to various Standing Committees ended on a peaceful note. Seven Corporators were elected to each of the four Standing Committees namely Finance and Appeals Committee, Public Health, Education and Social Justice Committee, City Planning and Improvement Committee and Audit & Accounts Committee.

Finance and Appeals Standing Committee members - D. Nagabushan, Rajalakshmi, M.K. Shankar, Shivakumar, Fairoz Khan, K.P. Ashwini and Umamani.

Public Health, Education and Social Justice Committee members - R. Ravindra Kumar, C.S. Rajani, M. Ramesh, B.V. Manjunath, T. Ramu, Purushottam, K.T. Cheluvegowda.

City Planning and Improvement Committee - S. Balasubramanya (Snake Shyam), C. Ramesh, M. Shivanna, Kempanna, N. Sunil Kumar, Ayaz Pasha (Pandu) and Rathnamma; Accounts and Audit Committee - G.H. Vanitha, B.K. Pushpavathi, SBM Manju, Ayub Khan, J.S. Jagadish, Lingappa and R. Pushpalatha.

Annual Feast at Mount Carmel Church tomorrow

Mysuru, Jan.27-The Annual Feast of the Mount Carmel Church, N. R. Mohalla, will be celebrated on Sunday (Jan. 28). Fr. Jomy Mekkunnel, the Parish Priest, hoisted the flag for the Feast on Friday while Fr. Siby Malola celebrated the Holy Mass and Novena. Parish Day will be celebrated today. Rt. Rev. Dr. Thomas Antony Vazhappilly, the Bishop Emeritus of Mysore, will be the Main Celebrant for the Solemn High Mass at 4.30 pm while Fr. Joseph Edakkery, Fr. George Kalambukatt and Fr. Johnson Attuchalil, the concelebrants.

On Sunday, the main feast day, there will be Holy Mass at 8 am. Fr. Martin Kandamparambil will be the Main Celebrant for the Festal High Mass at 5 pm. Fr. Varghese Kelamparambil, Provincial, and Fr. Thomas Kandathil, Vicar Provincial, CMI, Mysore Province, will concelebrate the Holy Mass. Fr. Biju Pallurathil will deliver the homily, followed by the grand procession in honour of Mary Mount Carmel and St. Kuriakose Elias Chavara. Special arrangements have been made for Crown Offering during the Feast Days, according to Paul Antony and M. K. Johny, the office-bearers.

Fireworks godown explosion: Injured out of danger

Mysuru, Jan. 27 (RK&DM)- Six persons, including five teenaged boys, who are being treated at K.R. Hospital in city for burns sustained following an explosion in a fire cracker godown at Madapura village near Hampapura in H.D. Kote taluk on Friday, are said to be out of danger.

The injured have been identified as Appu, 16, Madhu, 15, Kumar, 13, Darshan, 14, Devaraj, 16 and Mallanayaka, 60.

On Friday evening, the crackers stored in the building, accidentally went off and brought down the godown building completely. The crackers were being made and assembled in the godown, for bursting during the annual Chandra Mouleshwara Mallikarjunaswamy Jatra Mahotsava that was scheduled to take place in a few days, it is learnt.

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Sd/- Director

Special Commando Force
to counter terror strikes in city

Newly-launched Special Commando Force demonstrates the capture and killing of terrorists. The demo was presented at Republic Day Parade in city yesterday.

Mysuru, Jan. 27 (RK&BCT)- Mysuru, the cultural capital of Karnataka has one more 'secure' feather to its cap - Special Commando Force (SCF) that will exclusively deal with anti-terror operations and will not be a part of the city civil Police force.

The force was formally launched yesterday during the Republic Day Parade held at Torchlight Parade Grounds, Bannimantap. Soon after the launch, the commandoes presented an eye-catching and awe-inspiring anti-terror operation where a bus was rescued from being the target of terrorists and also demonstrated VVIP security during an emergency. A Mobile Command Centre, part of SCF, was also launched on the occasion.

Speaking to *Star of Mysore* this morning, City Police Commissioner Dr. A. Subrahmanyeswara Rao, who underwent a special training in the US in 2006, said that the team will be specially trained for commando activities and to counter terrorism.

The SCF will be deployed to counter specific cases, especially during emergencies to ensure safety and security. "We will provide advanced and suitable weapons to the team members and only personnel with dedication have been appointed to the force," he said.

Thirty-one personnel have been selected for the SCF and there is a thought to reduce it to 28, said the commissioner. The force will be headed by Deputy Commissioner of Police (law and order) N. Vishnuvardhana, City Armed Reserve (CAR) DCP B.V. Kittur, CAR Assistant Commissioner of Police Veeranna and one Inspector from CAR.

"The city has no exclusive Commando Force. The existing commandoes get mixed with other forces and they are deployed to handle various minor or major situations including VVIP visits. We have set up an exclusive and highly-efficient core team who are daredevils," the city's top cop said.

The SCF will not have any civil exposure but will be used in anti-terror operations. Grey colour urban camouflage uniforms have been provided. As of now, the commandoes have one AK 47 rifle and one 9mm Pistol. "We will soon provide Heckler & Koch MP5, a 9mm submachine gun of German design, to the commandoes as operating AK 47 is difficult and MP5 is an efficient killer machine," Rao said.

The commandoes, apart from training in Mysuru, will frequently visit Centre for Counter Terrorism (CCT) at Koodlu in Bengaluru for advanced training. CCT is a part of Internal Security Division.

Members of the team have been drawn from various other existing Police forces and the force is equipped with advanced arms and specialised training to deal with rough and hostile situations. Selection has been based on physique, qualification, sharp traits, interests, looks and personality of the candidates.

It may be recalled here that the city Police had constituted 'Chamundi Commando Force' a few years back during the tenure of S. Parashivamurthy as the City Police Commissioner. At present, the force is not effective and only a few personnel are serving in the force.

The commando force personnel on a rescue mission where a bus has been targeted by terrorists.

Peaceful Hanuma Jayanti at Hunsur
Thousands take part in procession

Hunsur, Jan. 27 (KK,Raghu&DM)- Thousands of devotees took part in the procession held as part of Hanuma Jayanti at Hunsur this morning.

The procession, which was originally scheduled for Dec. 3, was cancelled over a dispute between officials and supporters of BJP MP Pratap Simha, on the route of the procession.

The authorities, taking note of the sentiments of the people and holding meeting with local leaders, allowed the procession on a revised route.

Accordingly, the procession began on the revised route, starting from Ranganatha Extension and proceeded through Kalkunike Circle, Hotel Shabari Prasad, Hotel Devi Prasad, Old Bridge, Rotary Circle, Old Bus Stand and the New Bus Stand before culminating at Manjunatha temple.

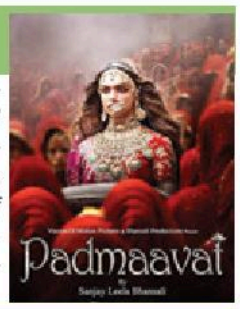
The local authorities had made all arrangements to ensure that the procession passed off peacefully without any untoward incidents.

The district administration had permitted the elected representations only to walk along the procession, after barring them on using vehicles in the procession.

MP Pratap Simha, former MP Tejaswini Ramesh, senior JD(S) leader and former MP A.H. Vishwanath, Hunsur MLA H.P. Manjunath and a host of other leaders took part in the procession.

Later speaking to the media, Pratap Simha said the Hanuma Jayanti procession was being held peacefully in the town for the past 25 years. But there were a few attempts in the last couple of years by vested interests to politicise the procession and celebration, which was really unfortunate, he said and added that Hanuma Jayanti was being celebrated in the town in grand manner today.

EDITOR'S CHOICE



PADMAAVAT *(formerly titled Padmavati) is an epic period drama film directed by Sanjay Leela Bhansali. Based on the epic poem Padmavat (1540) by Malik Muhammad Jayasi, the film narrates the story of Padmavati, a Rajput queen who committed jauhar to protect herself from Khilji. Deepika Padukone stars as Rani Padmavati, alongside Shahid Kapoor as Maharaja Rawal Ratan Singh and Ranveer Singh as Sultan Alauddin Khilji.*

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	(S-4)	3.40 pm, 6.45, 9.55 pm
Padmaavat (H-2D)	(S-2)	4.15 pm
	(S-3)	1.20 pm, 6.50, 9.55 pm
	(S-4)	10.00 am
Raju-Kannada Medium (K)	(S-1)	4.15 pm
	(S-2)	1.15 pm
Bhaagamathie (Te)	(S-1)	7.15 pm, 9.55 pm
Aadhi (Ma)	(S-2)	10.20 am
Jumanji: Welcome to the Jungle (E-3D)	(S-2)	7.30 pm
Street Light (Ma)	(S-2)	9.55 pm
Kanaka (K)	(S-3)	10.30 am
The Post (E)	(S-3)	4.30 pm
Nimir (Ta)	(S-4)	1.10 pm

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Padmaavat (H-3D)	(S-1)	11.15 am, 2.45 pm
		6.15 pm, 9.45 pm
Padmaavat (H-2D)	(S-2)	10.15 am, 1.45 pm
		5.15 pm, 8.45 pm
Raju-Kannada Medium (K)	(S-3)	10.00 am, 6.40 pm
Bhaagamathie (Te)	(S-3)	1.10 pm, 9.50 pm
Nimir (Ta)	(S-3)	4.00 pm
Kanaka (K)	(S-4)	9.50 am, 12.55 pm, 6.50 pm
Churikatte (K)	(S-4)	4.00 pm
Aadhi (Ma)	(S-4)	12.50 pm

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EVENTS TODAY (JAN.27)

Kukkarahalli Kere Ulisi Samithi: Photo Exhibition on 'Kukkarahalli Lake Biodiversity,' **up to 6 pm;** Talk on 'Kukkarahalli Lake Biodiversity' by P. Guruprasad, Chai Patthe, #46, Vishwamanava Double Road, Saraswathipuram, **6 pm to 7 pm.**

Co-optex: Expo-cum sale, Co-optex premises, Narayan Shastri Road, opposite to More Mega Stores, **up to 8 pm.**

Sahara Art and Craft: Handicraft and Handloom Expo, Scouts and Guides Ground, behind DC's office, **up to 9.30 pm.**

Pataka Mannar's and Mannars Veg Restaurant: Avarebele Mela, Alamma Choultry, Shivarampet, **up to 10 pm.**

Uttara Kannada Zilla Samskrutika Sangha, Mysuru: 43rd Anniversary Celebrations, Food Mela and Cultural Evening, P.S. Bhatta Lecture Programme, P.22, G and H Block, Gange Road, Kuvempunagar, **up to 9.30 pm.**

Book Launch: Book release — 'Birds of Mysore and It's Environment' authored by late Senior Scientist of CFTRI (Mysuru) N.P. Dani — by wildlife photographers Krupakar and Senani, Corporator J.S. Jagadeesh guest of honour; invocation byChildren from Nele Ashram, Mysuru, sitar recital by Prof. Anand Murthy of SJCE, Mysuru, Haveeka Bhavan, High Tension Road, next to B.C. Hostel for Boys, CFTRI Layout, Bogadi 2nd Stage, **5 pm.**

Natya Sangeethalaya Research Institute: Music-Dance Fest, dance performance by students of Sri Mata Nrutya Kala Kendra, presentation by students of Natya Sangeethalaya, felicitation to Rajyotsava Awardee Vidu. Nandini Eshwar, Sri Nadabrahma Sangeetha Sabha, JLB Road, **5.30 pm.**

Kala Sandesha Prathisthana and Karavali Kalaniketana: Kalabhivardhana-2018, Yakshagana Tala-Maddale 'Krishna Sandhana' by Vid. Dr. Kabbinale Vasanth Bharadwaj and Vid. K. Krishnakumar Acharya, **6 pm;** Ekavyakthi Yakshagana Dakshayini by Vid. Manjunath N. Puttur - Jaganmohan Palace auditorium, **7.45 pm to 9 pm.**

Shruthimanjari Foundation and Rotary Mysore West, Mysuru: 20th Annual Music Festival-2018, Karnatak Classical Violin-Viola Duet Vid. Vittal Ramamurthy and Vid. V.V.S. Murari, Rotary West Auditorium, opposite Kamakshi Hospital, **6 pm.**

Sri Ramakrishna Ashrama: Swami Shantivratanandaji speaks on 'Srimad Bhagavad Gita,' Ashrama premises, Yadavagiri, **6 pm.**

Sri Shivarathreeshwara Religious Endowment, JSS Mahavidyapeetha: Shivanubhava Dasoha-243, Bhajans by Dr. Omprakash and troupe; Talk on 'Sharanara Samasamaja Parikalpane' by Prof. D.S. Sadashivamurthy, HoD of Economics, JSS College - Ooty Road, #1082, 'Aisiri Nilaya,' 2nd Stage, JSS Layout, **6 pm.**

EVENTS TOMORROW (JAN.28)

Mysore Yoga Okkuta: 17th year anniversary and Rathasaptami celebrations, Mass 108 Suryanamaskara and Surya Yajna, Prof. Bhashyam Swamiji graces the occasion, Pramoda Devi Wadiyar inaugurates, Mysore Yoga Okkuta President Yogacharya S.V. Venkateshaiah presides, Mysore Palace premises, **6 am.**

Sanskriti: 69th Republic Day celebrations, STEP-UP MYSURU Marathon (6 km run), City Police Commissioner Dr. A. Subrahmanyeswara Rao and Yaduveer Wadiyar chief guests, Palace North Gate, **6 am.**

Kodava Samaja, Mysuru: 119th birth

anniversary of **Field Marshal Kondandera M. Cariappa,** Field Marshal K.M. Cariappa Circle (formerly, Metropole Circle), **8.30 am.**

DoS in Public Administration, Manasagangothri: Free Workshop on 'How to Prepare for the Civil Services Examinations?' DC D. Randeep inaugurates, in-Charge UoM VC Prof. C. Basavaraju and UoM Registrar D. Bharathi chief guests, DoS in Public Administration Chairman Dr. Dayananda Mane presides, Humanities auditorium, **10 am.**

Louis Braille Charitable Trust (For Visually Challenged): Valedictory of Louis Braille's 209th birth anniversary celebrations, award presentation and cultural programmes, Nanjaraja Bahadur Choultry, near Metropole Circle, **10 am.**

Indira Gandhi Rashtriya Manav Sangrahalaya (IGRMS): Exhibit of the Month - Lakkhi - Pencha, a decorative wooden object resembling an owl, Wellington House, Irwin Road, **10 onwards.**

Co-optex: Expo-cum sale, Co-optex premises, Narayan Shastri Road, opposite to More Mega Stores, **10 am to 8 pm.**

Kalasuruchi: Sahitya Chavadi-Samvada Programme-99, talk on 'Niranjanara Baduku-Baraha' by Dr. H.M. Kumaraswamy, retd. Hindi Professor, Mysuru, Suruchi Rangamane, Chitrabhanu Road, Kuvempunagar, **10.30 am.**

Brahmana Dharma Sahaya Sabha:

Centenary Celebrations, Srimadjagadguru Shankaracharya Sri Swayamprakasha Sachchidananda Saraswathi Swamiji inaugurates, unveiling the statue of the **Founder Nanjangud Srikanta Shastry** by Dr. B. Bhimeshwara Joshi, releasing of souvenir 'Brahmi' by Justice M.N. Venkatachalaiah, releasing of the CD on the Sabha by Union Minister Ananth Kumar, Minister S. Ramesh Kumar felicitates Dr. V.R. Gowri Shankar of Sri Sharadapeetha-Sringeri and Civil Engineer R. Sundaramurthy, Akhila Karnataka Brahmana Mahasabha President K.N. Venkatanarayana and Dhanvantari Foundation President Dr. P. Kamalakara Sharma chief guests, **10.30 am;** Cultural programme, music concert by *Sangeetha Vidyanidhi* Dr. Vidyabhushan, Mysore Medical College Alumni Association auditorium, J.K. Grounds, **6 pm.**

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Lingayata Samskrutika Samiti: National Seminar on 'Lingayata Swatantra Dharma,' Sri Chidananda Swamiji graces the occasion, Minister Dr. M.B. Patil inaugurates, retd. IAS Officer Dr. Shivananda Jamadar presides, Nataraja Women's College premises, Hosmutt, **11 am.**

PUCL-Akhila Bharata Praja Vedike: Seminar - Talk on 'Human Rights' by Maj. Gen. (retd.) S.J. Vombatkere, talk on 'Karnataka High Court' by senior advocate S. Balan, Hotel Govardhan, Sri Harsha Road, **4 pm.**

Kala Sandesha Prathisthana and Swarashraya Gana Sabha: Kalabhivardhana-2018, violin concert by Pruthvi Bhaskar and C.V. Shruthi, accompanied by Vid. G.S. Ramanujam on mridanga and Vid. V.S. Ramesh on ghata, **5.30 pm;** Karnatak music concert by Vid. Manasa Nayana, accompanied by Vidu. Adithi Krishnaprakash on violin, Vid. H.L. Shivashankara Swamy on mridanga and Vid. S. Manjunath on ghata, Jaganmohan Palace, **6.30 pm.**

Natana Rangashale: Appa-85 - felicitation, book release — 'Tarangaantaranga

...Subbanni Badukina Smruti Chitragalu' and staging of play 'Alibaba mattu nalavattu kallaru,' Prof. M. Krishnegowda releases the book, Dr. Na. Someshwara of *That antha heli*-fame chief guest, columnist Ravindra Joshi speaks about the book, Natana Rangashale, Ramakrishnanagar K-Block, **5.30 pm.**

Nandana Performing Arts Centre Trust, Mysuru: Bharathanatya Rangapravesha of R. Rakshitha (Daughter of A. Ravi and H.R. Bharathi and disciple of Guru Vid. M.L. Varija Nalige), VPAC Trust Director Dr. Vasundhara Doreswamy inaugurates, VVEI Hon. Secretary R. Vasudev Bhat chief guest, Sri Vasudevacharaya Bhavana, Sri Nadabrahma Sangeetha Sabha, JLB Road, **5.30 pm.**

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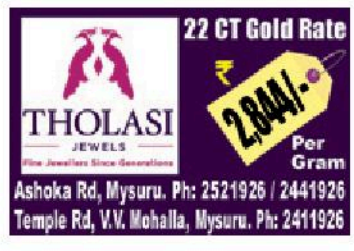
Smt. D. Ramabai Charitable Foundation and Sri M. Gopinath Shenoi Charitable Trust, Mysuru: Presentation of 'RamaGovinda Puraskara-2018' Ninasam (Neelakanteshwara Natyaseva Sangha) in Heggodu, Shivamogga, Godavari Dange of Osmanabad in Tulajapura taluk of Maharashtra and Kamegowda of Malavalli in Mandya district, theatre person and former Chairman of Kannada Development Authority Mukhyamantri Chandru inaugurates the programme in the presence of M. Ramanatha Shenoi couple, M. Jagannath Shenoi couple and M. Gopinatha Shenoi couple, **6 pm;** Staging of Dr. Chandrashekara Kambara's play 'Mahaaamaayi' by Alva's Education Foundation, Moodbidri, Kalamandira, **7.15 pm.**

Sri Ramakrishna Ashrama: Swami Yukteshanandaji speaks on *'Saralateyalli Adagida Divyate,'* Ashrama premises, Yadavagiri, **6 pm.**

Sri Vokkaligeshwaraswamy Temple, Mandi Mohalla: 44th annual Linga Pratishtapana Mahotsava, discourse by Swami Jnanayoganandaji, Temple premises, **6.30 pm to 8 pm.**



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